

# WILBRAHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 3, 2024

Total Registered Voter Attendance: 181

I, Deborah M. Brennan, duly appointed and qualified Clerk of the Town of Wilbraham hereby verify that the following votes were taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, June 3, 2024 at Minnechaug Regional High School, 621 Main St., with 181 registered voters in attendance. Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Jane E. Clark at 6:31 p.m.

In respect of tradition, the names of those town employees and town committee members deceased since our last meeting were Warren J. Rothschild, Thomas P. Sullivan, Robert Page, Robert Quintin, JoAnne DeGray and James E. Moore. A moment of silence was held in their honor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all. Moderator Clark noted that Town Clerk Deborah Brennan confirmed all protocols of posting were met, and abstained from reading the call of the meeting.

## **Consent Agenda A (articles marked \*) - Finance Committee Recommends:**

Voted that the Town accept and approve the following motions as presented in the anticipated motions handout from consent Agenda A, Articles 1 through 15.

\***ARTICLE 1. Hearing Reports (consent agenda A).** Voted that the town accept the reports of all officers and committees as printed in the 2023 Annual Town Report.

\***ARTICLE 2. Choosing Miscellaneous Officials (consent agenda A).** Voted that the following persons be elected to the indicated offices for the ensuing year: Poundkeeper, Paul Morrissey; Surveyor of Lumber, David Ervin; Measurer of Wood and Charcoal, David Ervin; Weigher of Grain, David Ervin; Field Driver, Paul Morrissey.

\***ARTICLE 3. Water Enterprise Fund Budget (consent agenda A).** Voted that the following sums be appropriated for the Water Enterprise Fund: Salaries, \$588,519, Expenses, \$1,167,170, and that \$1,835,000 be raised as follows: \$1,785,000 from Water Department receipts, and \$50,000 from Other Dept. Receivables for Fiscal Year 2025 operating expenses including \$79,311 be transferred to the General Fund to cover indirect costs appropriated in the General Fund.

\***ARTICLE 4. Water Enterprise Fund Reserve Fund (consent agenda A).** Voted that the Town appropriate from water receipts the sum of \$100,000 for a Fiscal Year 2025 Water Enterprise Reserve Fund.

\***ARTICLE 5. Wastewater Enterprise Fund Budget (consent agenda A).** Voted that the following sums be appropriated for the Fiscal Year 2025 Wastewater Enterprise Fund: Salaries, \$330,439; Expenses, \$761,575 and that \$1,133,285 be raised as follows: \$825,000 from Wastewater Department receipts, \$308,285 from Other Dept. Receipts, including \$41,271 be transferred to the General Fund to cover indirect costs appropriated in the General Fund.

\***ARTICLE 6. Wastewater Enterprise Fund Reserve Fund (consent agenda A).** Voted that the Town appropriate from wastewater receipts the sum of \$50,000 for a Fiscal Year 2025 Wastewater Enterprise Reserve Fund.

**\*ARTICLE 7. Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget (consent agenda A).** Voted that the following sums be appropriated for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund: Salaries, \$164,953; Expenses, \$205,945, and that \$384,200 be raised as follows: \$337,400 from Solid Waste Enterprise Fund receipts, \$46,800 from Other Dept Receipts, including \$13,302 be transferred to the General Fund to cover indirect costs appropriated in the General Fund.

**\*ARTICLE 8. Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Reserve Fund (consent agenda A).** Voted that the Town appropriate from Solid Waste Enterprise Reserve Fund receipts the sum of \$10,000 for a Fiscal Year 2025 Reserve Fund.

**\*ARTICLE 9. Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Ambulance (consent agenda A).** Voted to appropriate \$1,261,300 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2025 Ambulance to Ambulance personal services, operating and capital costs, pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

**\*ARTICLE 10. Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Cemeteries (consent agenda A).** Voted to appropriate \$20,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2025 Cemeteries to Cemetery operating expenses, pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 40 and Section 16 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws.

**\*ARTICLE 11. Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Wilbraham Public Access Television (consent agenda A).** Voted to appropriate \$186,407 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund for Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2025 for Wilbraham Public Access Television, pursuant to Section 53F ¾ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

**\*ARTICLE 12. Appropriations for Ambulance Depreciation Account (consent agenda A).** Voted to appropriate \$130,000 from Fiscal Year 2025 Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Ambulance to be held in a depreciation account for vehicle and equipment replacement pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

**\*ARTICLE 13. Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Equipment (consent agenda A).** Voted that the Town authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of damaged, obsolete, or unneeded tangible personal property or equipment owned by the Town.

**\*ARTICLE 14. Departmental Revolving Funds (consent agenda A).** Voted that the Town fix the maximum amount that may be spent during Fiscal year FY2025 beginning on July 1, 2024 for the revolving funds established in Town By-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the Town of Wilbraham shall authorize the following Revolving Funds: Council on Aging, \$20,000; Compost Bins, \$5,000; Cemetery, \$20,000; and Community Garden, \$6,000.

**\*ARTICLE 15. Authorization to Enter into Lease/Purchase Agreements (consent agenda A).** Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make contracts for the lease, with option to purchase, of various municipal equipment, subject to annual appropriation, if in the opinion of the Board it is in the best interests of the Town. The Board of Selectmen shall identify within its budget submission to the Finance Committee, any contract for the lease with an option to purchase.

Articles 1 through 15 passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

#### **ARTICLE 16. Funding Transfers FY 2024: MOVE NO ACTION**

**ARTICLE 17. Parliamentary Procedures.** Voted 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 17, Exhibit A," on file with the Town Clerk.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 18. Compensation for Elected Town Officials.** Voted to fix the compensation for elected Town Officers for fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, as follows: Assessors, \$4,357 per year, chairman, \$4,764 per year; Town Clerk, \$102,630 per year (all fees revert to the Town treasury); Moderator, \$250 Annual Town Meeting, \$50 Special Town Meeting; Select Board, \$5,742 per year, chairman \$6,698 per year; Water Commissioners, \$150 per year; Cemetery Commissioners, no salary; Library Trustees, no salary; Planning Board Members, no salary; Poundkeeper, Field Drivers, Weighers of Grain, Surveyors of Lumber, Measurers of Wood and Charcoal; all other Town officers elected other than by official ballot, fees only, fixed by General Laws.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 19. Budget Appropriations**

Voted to amend line item 300 by increasing the budget from 28,750,000 to 28,790,000.

Motion to amend passed, so declared the Moderator

Voted to accept the report of the Finance Committee and voted to raise and appropriate \$51,866,021, as amended, and appropriate from Free Cash \$600,194, for a total of \$52,466,215 to cover the necessary capital expenditures and operating expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025) per appropriations listed separately in the Town Meeting Workbook and incorporated herein by reference, with the exception of those budgets and expenditures which will be voted on separately in subsequent Articles.

Motion as amended passed, so declared the Moderator

<b>Department Number</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>FY25 Budget</b>	<b>FY25 Budget</b>
		<b>ATM Warrant</b>	<b>VOTED</b>
<b>122 Total</b>	<b>Selectmen / Town Administrator</b>	<b>817,163</b>	<b>817,163</b>
<b>123 Total</b>	<b>Technology Efficiency Projects</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>131 Total</b>	<b>Reserve Fund</b>	<b>450,000</b>	<b>450,000</b>
<b>135 Total</b>	<b>Accounting</b>	<b>282,773</b>	<b>282,773</b>
<b>141 Total</b>	<b>Assessors</b>	<b>279,045</b>	<b>279,045</b>
<b>145 Total</b>	<b>Treasurer/Collector</b>	<b>420,387</b>	<b>420,387</b>
<b>151 Total</b>	<b>Legal</b>	<b>165,000</b>	<b>165,000</b>
<b>155 Total</b>	<b>Technology</b>	<b>598,410</b>	<b>598,410</b>
<b>161 Total</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>177,712</b>	<b>177,712</b>

<b>162 Total</b>	<b>Town Meeting</b>	<b>70,669</b>	<b>70,669</b>
<b>163 Total</b>	<b>Registrars</b>	<b>18,730</b>	<b>18,730</b>
<b>171 Total</b>	<b>Conservation Commission</b>	<b>20,678</b>	<b>20,678</b>
<b>175 Total</b>	<b>Planning</b>	<b>134,159</b>	<b>134,159</b>
<b>191 Total</b>	<b>Facility Maint</b>	<b>600,048</b>	<b>600,048</b>
<b>192 Total</b>	<b>Town Properties</b>	<b>352,929</b>	<b>352,929</b>
<b>193 Total</b>	<b>General Insurance</b>	<b>910,000</b>	<b>910,000</b>
<b>194 Total</b>	<b>Group Insurance</b>	<b>2,258,720</b>	<b>2,258,720</b>
<b>196 Total</b>	<b>Town Report</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>197 Total</b>	<b>Surety Bonds</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>1,800</b>
<b>198 Total</b>	<b>Pensions</b>	<b>3,143,691</b>	<b>3,143,691</b>
<b>199 Total</b>	<b>Town Office</b>	<b>78,238</b>	<b>78,238</b>
<b>210 Total</b>	<b>Police Department</b>	<b>2,967,455</b>	<b>2,967,455</b>
<b>220 Total</b>	<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>2,582,506</b>	<b>2,582,506</b>
<b>225 Total</b>	<b>Public Safety Communications</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>22,000</b>
<b>226 Total</b>	<b>Central Dispatch</b>	<b>363,302</b>	<b>363,302</b>
<b>240 Total</b>	<b>Inspectors</b>	<b>192,940</b>	<b>192,940</b>
<b>244 Total</b>	<b>Sealer of Weights &amp; Measurements</b>	<b>11,235</b>	<b>11,235</b>
<b>291 Total</b>	<b>Civil Defense</b>	<b>12,100</b>	<b>12,100</b>
<b>292 Total</b>	<b>Animal Inspector</b>	<b>41,780</b>	<b>41,780</b>
<b>294 Total</b>	<b>Tree Warden</b>	<b>83,941</b>	<b>83,941</b>
<b>296 Total</b>	<b>Insect Control</b>	<b>10,097</b>	<b>10,097</b>
<b>300 Total</b>	<b>HWRSD Assessment</b>	<b>28,750,000</b>	<b>28,790,000</b>
<b>301 Total</b>	<b>HWRSD Debt</b>	<b>1,419,563</b>	<b>1,419,563</b>
<b>410 Total</b>	<b>Engineering</b>	<b>323,884</b>	<b>323,884</b>

<b>420 Total</b>	<b>Highway Department</b>	<b>2,003,360</b>	<b>2,003,360</b>
<b>491 Total</b>	<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>33,164</b>	<b>33,164</b>
<b>512 Total</b>	<b>Board of Health</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>
<b>541 Total</b>	<b>Council on Aging</b>	<b>244,523</b>	<b>244,523</b>
<b>543 Total</b>	<b>Veterans Services</b>	<b>183,303</b>	<b>183,303</b>
<b>610 Total</b>	<b>Library</b>	<b>782,318</b>	<b>782,318</b>
<b>630 Total</b>	<b>Recreation</b>	<b>524,604</b>	<b>524,604</b>
<b>690 Total</b>	<b>Public Access TV</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>32,000</b>
<b>691 Total</b>	<b>Historical Commission</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>710 Total</b>	<b>Long Term Debt</b>	<b>564,000</b>	<b>564,000</b>
<b>750 Total</b>	<b>Interest on Debt</b>	<b>384,688</b>	<b>384,688</b>
<b>990 Total</b>	<b>Interfund Transfers</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>General Fund Grand Total</b>	<b>52,426,215</b>	<b>52,466,215</b>

**ARTICLE 20. Capital Projects from Free Cash.** Voted that the Town appropriate from available funds (Free Cash 2023), \$563,850 to fund the following Projects in Fiscal Year 2025:

DEPARTMENT	PROJECT	AMOUNT	DEPT. TOTAL
Facilities	Memorial School Roof	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000
Highway	Pickup 450 Pickup 450	\$ 124,000 \$ 124,000	\$ 248,000
IT	Backup Server & Ransomware System	\$ 68,850	\$ 68,850
Police	Tazers	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000

Recreation	Exmark Zero Turn Mower	\$ 21,000	\$ 91,000
	Chev 3500 HD	\$ 70,000	

Motion passed unanimously, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 21. Capital Project for Minnechaug Regional High School.** Voted that the Town appropriate from available funds (Free Cash 2023), \$181,721 to fund the following Projects in Fiscal Year 2025:

DEPARTMENT	PROJECT	AMOUNT
MRHS CAPITAL PROJECTS	WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS	\$181,721

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 22. Appropriate Unexpended Funds for CCTV Cameras in Town Hall.** Voted that the Town appropriate any unexpended funds in the amount of \$21,480.27 appropriated under Article 20 at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting for “IT Department – CCTV – Town Site Specific (\$135,000) ” for the purpose of adding CCTV cameras to the town hall and for upgrades and maintenance to the town’s municipal CCTV camera system.

Motion passed unanimously, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 23. Authorize Borrowing to Purchase a Fire Engine.** Voted that the Town borrow a sum of money, \$984,000, for the purchase of a Fire Engine including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow \$984,000 and to issue bonds or notes therefore pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority.

Motion passed by declared 2/3 majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 24. Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund.** The Town voted to appropriate and transfer from available funds (Free Cash, water receipts, wastewater receipts, solid waste receipts, receipts reserved for appropriation for ambulance) \$277,100 to be placed into the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund, established under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 20; as follows:

FUND	SOURCE	AMOUNT
General Fund	Free Cash	\$250,000
Water Enterprise Fund	Water receipts	\$ 15,000
Wastewater Enterprise Fund	Wastewater receipts	\$ 5,000
Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	Solid waste receipts	\$ 2,600
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Ambulance	Receipts reserved for appropriation for ambulance	\$ 4,500

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 25. Stabilization Fund:** Voted to transfer \$440,000 from Free Cash and \$260,000 from appropriations to be added to the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 26. Water Enterprise Retained Earnings.** Voted to appropriate \$353,127 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings account to fund: \$203,127 for the Fiscal Year 2025 Water Enterprise Operational Budget; \$50,000 for the Asset Management Plan; \$50,000 to fund a Generator; and \$50,000 to fund Water Meter Replacements.

Motion passed unanimously, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 27. Waste Water Enterprise Retained Earnings.** Voted to appropriate \$183,734 from the Waste Water Enterprise Retained Earnings account to fund the Fiscal Year 2025 Waste Water Enterprise Operational Budget.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 28. Solid Waste Enterprise Retained Earnings.** Voted to appropriate \$56,880 from the Solid Waste Enterprise Retained Earnings account to fund the Fiscal Year 2025 Solid Waste Department's Operational Budget.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 29. Wilbraham Drinking Water Asset Management Plan Project.** Voted to appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the Wilbraham Drinking Water Asset Management Plan Project which is on the Massachusetts 2024 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Asset Management Planning Project List. The total project cost of \$250,000 is comprised of a \$150,000 reimbursable grant (60% of the total project cost) which the Town will be reimbursed by MassDEP and the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust. The balance of the project will be comprised of in-kind services provided by Town valued at \$50,000 and a cash contribution from the Water Enterprise fund valued at \$50,000.

Motion passed unanimously, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 30. Municipal Electricity Aggregation.** Voted to authorize the Select Board to research, develop, and participate in a contract, or contracts, which may exceed three years, to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in the Town, and for other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, retaining the right of individual residents and businesses to opt-out of the aggregation.

Motion passed unanimously, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 31. Zoning By-Law Amendment – Housekeeping/Corrective Amendments**

**(Multiple Sections).** The Town voted to amend the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law by revising multiple sections as set forth in a document entitled "Exhibit B: Zoning Amendment— Housekeeping/Corrective Amendments" on file with the Town Clerk. (2/3<sup>rd</sup> Vote Required)

Motion passed by declared 2/3 majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 32. Zoning By-Law Amendment – Regulation of Battery Energy Storage Systems.** The Town voted to amend the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law Regulation of Battery Energy Storage Systems Sections 1.3, 3.4, and 10.7 and add a new Section 10.9, as set forth in a document entitled " Exhibit C: Zoning Amendment—Regulation of Battery Energy Storage Systems" on file with the Town Clerk. (2/3<sup>rd</sup> Vote Required)

Motion passed by declared 2/3 majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 33. Acceptance of Deeds: MOVE NO ACTION ANTICIPATED**

**ARTICLE 34. Acquisition of 20V Bellows Road.** The Town voted to accept as a gift or otherwise acquire, the land located at 20V Bellows Road, Wilbraham, Massachusetts and as shown Parcel A on a Plan of Land entitled "The Preserve at Bellows Wilbraham, Massachusetts", dated February 1995 and recorded in in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 297, Page 25, containing 339.4 square feet, for general municipal purposes, to be under the care, custody and control of the Select Board, and to authorize the Select Board to negotiate and execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 35. Community Preservation Program Budget.** The Town voted to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenues and fund balance in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative and operating costs, community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2025, as printed in Article 35 of this Warrant, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 36. CPA Project for Pickle Ball Courts Lighting and Seating.** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$165,000 from the FY2025 Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance to provide lighting and seating at the Pickle Ball courts at Memorial School.

Motion failed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 37. CPA Project for Renovation of Spec Pond Pinney Pavilion.** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$49,300 from the FY2025 Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance to provide renovations to the Spec Pond Pinney Pavilion.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 38. CPA Project for Replacement of First Church Organized Marker.** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$6,900 from the FY2025 Community Preservation Historical Preservation Fund Balance to replace the First Church Organized Marker.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 39. CPA Project for Sawmill Pond All-Persons Trail and Scenic Lookout.** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$95,000 from the FY2025 Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance to create a Sawmill Pond All-Persons Trail and Scenic Lookout.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 40. CPA Project for a Pavilion at the Thayer Brook Conservation Area.** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$22,000 from the FY2025 Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance for a Pavilion at the Thayer Brook Conservation Area.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 41. CPA Project for Window Replacements at Three Wilbraham Housing Authority Family Duplexes.** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$128,396 from the FY2025 Community Preservation Housing Fund Balance for Window Replacements at three Wilbraham Housing Authority Family Duplexes.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 42. Approve the Lease of a Part of 540 Stony Hill Road for the Installation and Operation of a Mobile Communications Tower.** Voted to authorize the Select Board to enter into a Lease Agreement with a qualified firm as determined by the Select Board, to install and operate a Mobile Communications Tower on a part of Town-owned property located at 540 Stony Hill Road.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**Consent Agenda B (Articles 43-56, marked by\*)** Voted that the Town accept and approve the following motions as presented in the anticipated motions handout from Consent Agenda B, Article 43 through Article 56.

**\*ARTICLE 43 General By-law Amendment—Repair or Construction of Highways (consent agenda B).** The Town voted amend the General By-laws by amending the current Section 616 “Repair or Construction of Highways” by-law fine amount by increasing it from \$50 to \$300 as presented in Article 43 in the Warrant, and that the reading of the Article be waived.

**\*ARTICLE 44. General By-law Amendment— Door to Door Sales (consent agenda B).** The Town voted to amend the General By-laws by amending the current Section 640 “Door to Door Sales-Part ‘e’” as presented in Article 44 in the Warrant, and that the reading of the Article be waived.

**\*ARTICLE 45. General By-law Amendment—Fire Hydrants (consent agenda B).**  
**Voted to amend the General By-laws by deleting the current Section 617 “Fire Hydrants” with language as presented in Article 45 in the Warrant, and that the reading of the Article be waived.**

**\*ARTICLE 46. General By-law Amendment—Permitting of Ice Cream Truck Vendors (consent agenda B).** Voted to amend the General By-laws by adding language to Section VI as presented in Article 46 in the Warrant, and that the reading of the Article be waived.

**\*ARTICLE 47. General By-law Amendment—Impure Water on Town Property (consent agenda B).** Voted to amend the General By-laws by deleting in its entirety the current Section 606 “Impure Water on Town Property” and replacing it with the language as presented in Article 47 in the Warrant, and that the reading of the Article be waived.

**\*ARTICLE 48. General By-law Amendment—Section 635, Litter (consent agenda B).** Voted to amend the General By-laws by amending the language to of Section 635, Litter - by deleting the violations section in its entirety and inserting in its place the language as presented in Article 48 in the Warrant, and that the reading of the Article be waived.

**\*ARTICLE 49. General By-law Amendment—Tree Belts in Right of Way (consent agenda B).** Voted to amend the General By-law by deleting in its entirety the current Section 612 “Tree Belts in the Right of Way” and replacing it with the language as presented in Article 49 in the Warrant, and that the reading of the Article be waived.

**\*ARTICLE 50. General By-law Amendment— Unlawful Transportation or Possession of Alcohol (consent agenda B).** Voted to amend the General By-law by adding language to Section VI: “Unlawful Transportation or Possession of Alcohol” as presented in Article 50 in the Warrant, and that the reading of the Article be waived.

**\*ARTICLE 51. General By-law Amendment— Change All Instances of Board of Selectmen to Select Board (consent agenda B).** Voted to amend the General By-law by deleting all instances of “Board of Selectmen” in the General by-law and replacing each instance with “Select Board”.

**\*ARTICLE 52. General By-law Amendment— Definitions, Section 102 (consent agenda B).** Voted to amend the General By-law by amending the current Section 102 “Definitions” as presented in Article 52 in the Warrant, and that the reading of the Article be waived.

**\*ARTICLE 53. General By-law Amendment— By-Law Study Committee (consent agenda B).** Voted to amend the General By-law by amending the current Section 515 “Bylaw Study Committee” as presented in Article 53 in the Warrant, and that the reading of the Article be waived.

**\*ARTICLE 54. General By-law Amendment— Section 604.1, Definitions, Owner or Keeper (consent agenda B).** Voted to amend the General By-law amending the current Section 604.1, “Definitions: Owner or Keeper,” as presented in Article 54 in the Warrant, and that the reading of the Article be waived.

**\*ARTICLE 55. General By-law Amendment— Section 604.7 (d), Definitions, Impoundment; Release; Disposition of Dogs (consent agenda B).** Voted to amend the General By-law amending the current Section

604.7 (d.), “Definitions: Impoundment; Release; Disposition of Dogs,” as presented in Article 55 in the Warrant, and that the reading of the Article be waived.

**\*ARTICLE 56. General By-law Amendment—Sidewalk Snow (consent agenda B).** Voted to amend the General By-law deleting the current Section 611 “Sidewalk Snow”, and replacing it with language as presented in Article 56 in the Warrant, and that the reading of the Article be waived.

Motions for articles 43-56 passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 57. Home Rule Petition—An Act Providing for the Appointment and Removal Authority of the Town Administrator of the Town of Wilbraham for Employees Other than those Sworn Officers of the Wilbraham Police Department and Wilbraham Fire Department Appointed by the Select Board, and Department Heads Appointed by the Select Board and Boards and Commissions So Authorized by General Law or By-Law.** Voted to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special Home Rule legislation under the Home Rule Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution or take any other action thereon, for Special Legislation to be entitled, “An Act Providing for the Appointment and Removal Authority of the Town Administrator of the Town of Wilbraham for Employees Other than those Sworn Officers of the Wilbraham Police Department and Wilbraham Fire Department Appointed by the Select Board, and Department Heads Appointed by the Select Board, and Department Heads Appointed by Boards and Commissions So Authorized by General Law or By-Law” with language as presented in Article 57 in the Warrant, and that the reading of the Article be waived.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

Select Board Chairman Bunnell made a motion to adjourn, and it was so voted at 8:33 p.m.

A true copy,

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deborah M. Brennan, Town Clerk