

# WILBRAHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 12, 2025

Total Registered Voter Attendance: 267

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, May 12, 2025 at Minnechaug Regional High School, 621 Main St., with 267 registered voters in attendance. Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Jane E. Clark at 6:30 p.m.

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.

In respect of tradition, the names of town employees and town committee members, past and present, deceased since our last meeting were:

### *In Memoriam*

Adam Basch, Planning Board  
Joseph Surprenant, Fire Chief  
Thomas Sullivan, Treasurer/Collector  
Carol Eaton, Assessor's office  
Lawrence Henault, Police Dept.  
Joanne DeGray, Accountant  
Wayne Wrubel, IT Dept.  
Ronald Maiuri, Firefighter  
Merrie Kay, Parks & Rec. Dept.  
Bob Quintin, Finance & Capital Comm.  
Michael Mannix, Finance Comm.  
James E. Moore, Planning Board

### **Consent Agenda (Articles 1-14, marked \*)**

Voted that the Town accept and approve the following motions as presented in the "Anticipated Motions" document, for Article 1 through Article 14.

**\*ARTICLE 1. Hearing Reports (consent agenda).** The Town voted to accept the reports of all officers and committees as printed in the 2024 Annual Town Report.

**\*ARTICLE 2. Choosing Miscellaneous Officials (consent agenda).** The Town 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). Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0** The Town voted that the following sums be appropriated for the FY 2026 Water Enterprise Fund: Salaries, \$614,032, Expenses, \$1,563,800, and that \$2,259,747 be raised as follows: \$1,785,000 from Water Department receipts, 424,747 from Retained Earnings, and \$50,000 from Other Department Receivables for Fiscal Year 2026 operating expenses

including \$81,915 to be transferred to the General Fund to cover indirect costs appropriated in the General Fund.

**\*ARTICLE 4. Water Enterprise Fund Reserve Fund (consent agenda). Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to appropriate from Water receipts the sum of \$100,000 for a Fiscal Year 2026 Water Enterprise Reserve Fund.

**\*ARTICLE 5. Wastewater Enterprise Fund Budget (consent agenda). Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted that the following sums be appropriated for the Fiscal Year 2026 Wastewater Enterprise Fund: Salaries, \$322,669, Expenses, \$942,978, and that \$1,305,861 be raised as follows: \$864,111 from Wastewater Department Receipts, \$160,374 from Retained Earnings, and \$281,376 from Other Department Receivables for Fiscal Year 2026 operating expenses including \$40,214 to be transferred to the General Fund to cover indirect costs appropriated in the General Fund.

**\*ARTICLE 6. Wastewater Enterprise Fund Reserve Fund (consent agenda). Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to appropriate from wastewater receipts the sum of \$50,000 for a Fiscal Year 2026 Wastewater Enterprise Reserve Fund.

**\*ARTICLE 7. Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget (consent agenda). Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted that the following sums be appropriated for the Fiscal Year 2026 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund: Salaries, \$134,770, Expenses, \$247,950, and that \$395,448 be raised as follows: \$317,400 from Solid Waste Department Receipts, \$31,248 from Retained Earnings, and \$46,800 from Other Department Receivables for Fiscal Year 2026 operating expenses including \$12,728 to 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). Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to appropriate from Solid Waste Enterprise receipts the sum of \$10,000 for a Fiscal Year 2026 Reserve Fund.

**\*ARTICLE 9. Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Ambulance (consent agenda). Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to appropriate \$1,286,130 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2026 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). Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to appropriate \$20,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2026 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). Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to appropriate \$195,216 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund for Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2026 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). Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to appropriate \$275,000 from Fiscal

Year 2026 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). Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to 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. Authorization to Enter into Lease/Purchase Agreements (consent agenda). Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to authorize the Select Board 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 Select Board shall identify within its budget submission to the Finance Committee, any contract for the lease with an option to purchase.

Motions for Consent Agenda Articles 1 through 14 passed unanimously, so said the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 15. Departmental Revolving Funds. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during Fiscal year FY2026 beginning on July 1, 2025 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, and amend the Table in General By-laws Section 112 (e) as follows: Council on Aging, \$30,000; Compost Bins, \$5,000; Cemetery, \$20,000; and Community Garden, \$6,000.

Motion passed unanimously, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 16. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Revolving Fund. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to establish a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Revolving account under Mass G.L c. 44, 53E1/2 and to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during Fiscal year FY2026 beginning on July 1, 2025 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 Fund: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, \$2,500; and to amend the Table in General By-laws Section 112 (e), as set forth in Article 16 in the Anticipated Motions document, below, and that the reading of this table be waived.

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund	Fees, Charges, or Other Receipts Credited to Fund	Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable From Fund	Other Requirements or Reports	Fiscal Years
SNAP	Council on Aging-Director of Elder Affairs	Revenue from SNAP reimbursement from the Univ of MA administering the SNAP Program	Funds awarded to individuals in need of assistance for food, heating, clothing, etc	Expenditures authorized by the Director of Elder Affairs, not exceeding a total of \$2,500 in any fiscal year.	Transfer end of year balance to subsequent fiscal year.  The balance in the revolving account shall not exceed \$2,500	Fiscal year 2026 and subsequent years.

Motion passed unanimously, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 17. Funding Transfers FY 2024: Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 8 – 0**  
**MOVE NO ACTION**

**ARTICLE 18. Parliamentary Procedures. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to 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 18, Exhibit D - Parliamentary Procedure for Financial Matters” on file with the Town Clerk.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 19. Compensation for Elected Town Officials. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 6-1.** The Town voted to fix the compensation for elected Town Officers for fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, as follows: Assessors, \$4,357 per year, chairman, \$4,764 per year; Town Clerk, \$104,683 per year (all fees revert to the Town treasury); Moderator, \$200 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 unanimously, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 20. Budget Appropriations. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to accept the report of the Finance Committee and vote to raise and appropriate \$54,371,871, and appropriate from Free Cash \$682,000, for a total of \$55,053,871 to cover the necessary capital expenditures and operating expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026) 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.

Note: The moderator read the requested appropriation for each line item of the Budget for the Town. Select Board member Marc Ducey requested line item 122 and line item 610 be put on hold for further discussion and to be voted on separately.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

***Hold on Line 122. Hold on Line 610.***

The Town voted to transfer \$30,000 from Line 610, Library Wages, Sick Leave Buyback, Reducing Line 610 Library Total to \$792,546; to Select Board Line 122, Wages, Sick Leave Buyback, increasing Line 122 Select Board Total to \$724,098.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 21. Capital Projects from Free Cash. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 6-1.** The Town voted to appropriate from available funds (Free Cash 2024), \$1,777,063 to fund the following Projects in Fiscal Year 2026:

DEPARTMENT	PROJECT	AMOUNT	DEPT. TOTAL
Facilities	Library Chiller Town Hall Parking Lot Paving	\$ 175,000 \$ 90,000	\$ 265,000
Highway	Freightliner Dump Truck (plow & spreader) #8 Freightliner Dump Truck (plow & spreader) #11 Freightliner Dump Truck (plow & spreader) #15 Ford F250 Pickup (shared with Enterprise W/S) Volvo L90 Loader or Equivalent	\$ 296,500 \$ 296,500 \$ 296,500 \$ 20,000 \$ 240,000	\$ 1,149,500
IT	MicroSoft Office and Email 365 Gov't Cloud	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Recreation	Turbo Vac TV40 Sweeper	\$ 27,563	\$ 27,563
Mile Tree School	Switch Upgrades – Technology	\$ 64,000	\$ 64,000
Stony Hill School	Mini Splits for Classrooms Flooring (5 Classrooms per year) Switch Upgrades – Technology Wireless Access Points	\$ 35,000 \$ 35,000 \$ 55,000 \$ 23,000	\$ 148,000
Middle School	Wireless Access Points	\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 22. Capital Project for Minnechaug Regional High School. Finance Committee Does Not Recommend Approval.** The Town voted to appropriate from available funds from Free Cash 2024

to fund the following Projects in Fiscal Year 2026:

DEPARTMENT	PROJECT	AMOUNT
MRHS CAPITAL PROJECTS	Add/Replace Split AC Units Internal 2-way radio repeater system upgrade Camera System Upgrades (Camera/Storage) Kubota RTV	\$ 28,188 \$ 8,859 \$ 297,984 \$ 18,803

Each project was voted on separately.

- Motion to appropriate from Free Cash 2024 \$28,188 to fund “Add/Replace Split AC Units” passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

- Motion to appropriate from Free Cash 2024 \$8,859 to fund “Internal 2-way radio repeater system upgrade” passed by unanimously, so declared the Moderator
- Motion to appropriate from Free Cash 2024 \$297,984 to fund “Camera System Upgrades (Camera/Storage)” passed by majority, so declared the Moderator
- Motion to appropriate from Free Cash 2024 \$18,803 to fund “Kubota RTV” passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 23. Special Projects from Free Cash. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 6-1.** The Town voted to appropriate or transfer \$25,000 from Free Cash to fund the following Project:

DEPARTMENT	PROJECT	AMOUNT	DEPT. TOTAL
Select Board	Human Resources Management Software	\$25,000	\$25,000

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 24. Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate or transfer from the following 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:

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 unanimously, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 25. Stabilization Fund: Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to transfer \$400,000 from Free Cash to be added to the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Motion passed unanimously, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 26. Water Enterprise Retained Earnings. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to appropriate \$150,000 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings account to fund: \$50,000 for two (2) Trucks; \$50,000 to fund Pump Station Improvements; and \$50,000 to fund Water Meter Replacements.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 27. Waste Water Enterprise Retained Earnings. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to appropriate \$50,000 from the Waste Water Enterprise Retained Earnings account to fund a Truck for \$30,000; and Pump Station Upgrades for \$20,000.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 28. Authorize Borrowing for Water Infrastructure. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to appropriate up to \$4,000,000 for the completion of water infrastructure projects, including all associated costs of design, permitting, construction, and any other incidental costs related thereto; and, as funding therefor, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Local Water System Assistance Program (LWSAP), and to issue bonds and notes, under and pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §7 and G.L. c. 44, s. 29 (c), or any other enabling authority.

Motion passed unanimously, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 29. Adopt an Increase in Annual Exemptions for Veterans—Optional Additional Veteran Exemption Clause 22J. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22J, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22, Clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E and Clause 22F by 100 percent (100%) of the personal exemption amount, subject to the conditions in Clause 22J, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

Motion passed unanimously, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 30. Adopt an Increase in Annual Exemptions for Veterans—Adjusted Exemption Amount Clause 22I. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22I, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22, Clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E and Clause 22F by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

Motion passed unanimously, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 31. Accept Veteran Exemption Clause 22D for Surviving Spouses. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.**

MOVE "NO ACTION". NO LOCAL ACCEPTANCE IS NECESSARY UNDER STATE LAW.

**ARTICLE 32. Accept Veteran Exemption Clause 22H for Parents and Guardians. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 7-0.** The Town voted to accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22H, which authorizes a full exemption of the personal exemption amount, subject to the conditions in Clause 22H, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 33. Adoption of a Local Option Meals Excise Tax. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 6-1.**

The Town voted to adopt, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 4, §4, a Local Option Meals Excise Tax under M.G.L. c. 64L on the sale of restaurant meals originating within the Town by a vendor at the rate of .75 percent of the gross receipts of the vendor from the sale of restaurant meals.

Motion **failed** by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 34. Zoning By-Law Amendment – Regulation of Accessory Dwelling Units. Planning Board Recommends Approval, 4-1.** The Town voted, in accordance with Sections 7 and 8 of Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024, to amend the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law by revising multiple sections as set forth in a document entitled "Exhibit A: Zoning Amendment— Regulation of Accessory Dwelling Units" on file with the Town Clerk. (Majority Vote).

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 35. Zoning By-Law Amendment – Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems. Planning Board Recommends Approval, 5-0.** The Town voted to amend the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law Regulation of Large Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems by amending Section 10.7, as set forth in a document entitled "Exhibit B: Zoning Amendment— Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems" on file with the Town Clerk. (2/3rd Vote)

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

**ARTICLE 36. Zoning By-Law Amendment – Regulation of Used Vehicle Sales. Planning Board Recommends Approval, 5-0.** The Town voted to amend the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law Regulation Sections 3.4 and 6.5, as set forth in a document entitled "Exhibit C: Zoning Amendment— Regulation of Used Vehicle Sales" on file with the Town Clerk. (2/3rd Vote)

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

**ARTICLE 37. Acceptance of Deeds. MOVE “NO ACTION”**

**ARTICLE 38. Community Preservation Program Budget. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 9-0.** 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 2026, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>	
<b>FY 2026 estimated revenues for Administrative and Operating</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>RESERVES:</b>	
<b>FY 2026 estimated revenues for Historic Preservation Reserves</b>	<b>\$63,527</b>
<b>FY 2026 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserves</b>	<b>\$63,527</b>
<b>FY 2026 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserves</b>	<b>\$63,527</b>
<b>FY 2026 estimated revenues for Undesignated Reserves</b>	<b>\$444,692</b>

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 39. CPA Project for Preservation of Historical Records in the Town Clerk’s Office. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 9-0.** The Town voted to transfer \$50,000 from the FY2026 Community Preservation Historical Fund Balance to preserve historical records in the Town Clerk’s office.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 40. CPA Project for Exterior De-Leading and Restoration of the Old Meeting House and Hearse House. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 5-4.** The Town voted to transfer \$147,000 from the FY2026 Community Preservation Historical Fund Balance for exterior de-leading and restoration of the Old Meeting House and Hearse House.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 41. CPA Project for the Spec Pond Recreation Complex Walking Path. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 5-1.** The Town voted to transfer \$25,000 from the FY2026 Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance for the Spec Pond Recreation Complex Walking Path.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 42. CPA Project for Updates and Improvements at Amy’s Sparkle Park. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 6-2.** The Town voted to transfer \$51,861.20 from the FY2026 Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance to update and improve water features at Amy’s Sparkle Park Spray Park.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 43. CPA Project for Pavilion, Permanent Benches and Replacement of Kiosk for Crane Hill Disc Park. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 5-4.** The Town voted to transfer \$19,500 from the FY2026 Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance to add a pavilion, permanent benches and replace the existing kiosk at the Crane Hill Disc Golf Course.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 44. CPA Project for Accessible Playground Equipment at Stony Hill School. Finance Committee Recommends Approval, 6-0.** The Town voted to transfer \$100,000 from the FY2026 Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance to replace outdated playground equipment with new accessible playground equipment at Stony Hill School.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 45. Land Taking for the Springfield Street at Stony Hill Road Intersection Improvements Project.** The Town voted to accept, acquire by gift, purchase, take by eminent domain or otherwise acquire, permanent and temporary easements, in portions of adjoining properties known as 717-719, 720, and 728 Stony Hill Road and 245V Springfield Street, and any other portion of said adjoining properties as may be necessary for all purposes and uses accessory hereto, including but not limited to intersection improvements, sidewalk installation, street

widening, and traffic signal upgrading, expressly including the parcels E-1, E-2, TE-1, TE-2, TE-3, TE-4, TE-5, PUE-1, PUE-2, and PUE-3 as shown on a plan entitled “Springfield Street at Stony Hill Road Intersection Improvements” prepared by Beta, Inc. and dated April 4, 2025, a copy of which are on file in the office of the Town Clerk;

And, further, to authorize the Select Board and other applicable Town of Wilbraham boards and personnel to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this article.

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

**ARTICLE 46. Land Taking for the Stony Hill Road and Boston Road and Sidewalk**

**Improvement Project.** The Town voted to accept, acquire by gift, purchase, take by eminent domain or otherwise acquire, permanent and temporary easements, in a portion of the property known as 1979 Boston Road, and any other portion of said property as may be necessary for all purposes and uses accessory hereto, including, but not limited to intersection improvements, sidewalk and retaining wall installation, expressly including parcels E-1 and TE-1, as shown on a plan entitled “Stony Hill Road Sidewalk Improvements” prepared by Beta, Inc. and dated April 4, 2025, a copy of which are on file in the office of the Town Clerk;

And, further, to authorize the Select Board and other applicable Town of Wilbraham boards and personnel to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this article.

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

**ARTICLE 47. Adoption of a Town-Wide 25 MPH Speed Limit.** The Town voted to accept Chapter 90, Section 17C of the Massachusetts General Laws, setting the reasonable and proper speed on municipally-owned streets within thickly settled or business districts at 25 MPH. This speed limit will apply to all town ways that do not have existing speed regulations.

Motioned passed by counted majority: 113 for approval, 61 opposed, so said the Moderator

**ARTICLE 48. PETITIONED ARTICLE—FLAG RAISING ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY.** To see if the Petitioner Tracy Farnsworth stated the motion is as published in the warrant except removing 2a. and 2d., then adding 2d. Service/Military flags.

Shown here with corrections:

Town will vote to amend the Bylaws by adding a new Section entitled:

**SECTION XXX FLAG RAISING ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY**

1. Flags exhibited from Town-owned properties shall be displayed in conformance with applicable federal, state, and local policies, as stated in the Federal “Our Flag” publication of the Congress House Document Number 96-144, and the Massachusetts statutes and regulations for flags, including without limitations G.L. c 2, §§ 6A, G.L. c. 264, §§ 5, 8, 950 CMR 34.00 et seq. and this policy. The Select Board or the Town Administrator as its designee shall ensure the proper execution of this By-law.

2. The flying or presentation of flags are not intended to create, or serve as, a forum for free expression of speech by the public. The Town of Wilbraham may display the following flags, at the request of the Select Board or the Town Administrator or their designee:

- a. The Flag of the United States;
- b. The Flag of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
- c. Flags of the Wilbraham Police Department, Wilbraham Fire Department, or any other flag emblematic of a Town Department;
- d. Service/Military Flags; and

3. Nothing in this policy shall be constructed to restrict or in any way limit the display of flags on privately held cemetery plots consistent with cemetery regulations ; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article will establish a By-law for the raising of Flags on Municipal property.  
Petitioned by: Dave Sanders and others.

Motion **failed** by majority, so declared by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 49. PETITIONED ARTICLE—Apply to the MA ABCC to Increase the Off-Premises All-Alcoholic Beverages Liquor Licenses.**

Karen Romano stated the citizen’s petitioned motion as: We move that the Town vote to apply to the Massachusetts Alcohol Beverages Control Commission to increase the Town quota of Off Premises All Alcoholic Beverages Liquor Licenses from three to four in order to expand the existing license being used by the The Guilty Grape at 6 Burt Lane to include all alcohols as opposed to their current license which is just wine and malt beverages.

Moderator Clark then stated that this motion appears to be out of order because the ABCC is a state agency and this action needs to be taken up by the State Legislature. Moderator Clark said she will still allow a vote on the motion.

Motion as stated passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

**ARTICLE 50. NON BINDING RESOLUTION—Plastic Bag Ban.**

Move that the Town vote to support a non-binding resolution to establish a Town-wide plastic bag ban for retail purchases.

Motion passed by majority, so declared the Moderator

A motion was made by Moderator Clark to adjourn Town Meeting, it was moved and seconded at 10:24 p.m.

A true copy,

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