

The TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG
Annual Town Meeting
June 5, 2017

The Annual Town meeting was held at the Anne T. Dunphy Gymnasium, 1 Petticoat Hill Rd.

The warrant was signed on May 11, 2017 and posted on May 18, 2017.

Moderator: Joseph Larkin

Town Clerk: Brenda Lessard

Selectmen Present: Denise Banister-Chair, William Sayre-Clerk, and David Mathers

Constables: Paul Sanderson, Robert Lapointe and Chris Packard

There were 212 voters present of 2013 registered voters.

Last day to register to vote was May 17, 2017

A quorum of sixty (60) registered voters being present, there were 212 voters, the town meeting was called to order by the Moderator. The Moderator noted the return of the warrant and that it had been properly posted.

Charlene Nardi, the Town Administrator, spoke to the floor. She asked for a moment of silence for Richard Hillenbrand who passed away on May 31st. He was a former Selectman for Williamsburg. She also acknowledged the dedication of the 2016 Annual Town Report to David West and Norma Kellogg. She also let everyone know about the first annual town wide picnic that will be held on Saturday, September 9th. Everyone is welcome.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt a rule that the Moderator be authorized to declare 2/3 vote in the same manner as a majority vote is declared, provided that if a vote so declared is questioned by seven (7) or more members, the Moderator shall verify the vote by taking a count.

Passed Unanimously

Article 1

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Water Retained Earnings the sum of \$190 to pay Elm Electric for work performed for the Water Department in Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16).

Passed Unanimously

Article 2

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$38.16 to pay Florence Savings Bank for deposit booklets bought in Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16).

Passed Unanimously

Article 3

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$20.00 to pay Kathleen A. McKeown, former Planning Board member, for costs associated with attending the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Annual Meeting in Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16).

Passed Unanimously

Article 4

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$1,765.92 to pay KP|Law for professional services in Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16).

Passed Unanimously

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the Town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.268A, §21A to authorize the Board of Selectmen, Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Appeals, Finance Committee, and the Trustees of Libraries to appoint their own members to positions under their respective jurisdictions at such salaries or wage rates to be established by the Board of Selectmen.

This is an annual article to authorize departments to appoint/hire people for their departments.

Passed Unanimously

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Moderator to choose a committee to expend the income from the Whiting Street Fund.

Annual article-Balance is \$6329.71-Available to spend is \$2329.71

Passed Unanimously

Article 7

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to approve a Capital Improvement Plan, as prepared by the Capital Planning Committee and approved by the Finance Committee, including recommended capital improvements for the following five fiscal years.

Passed Unanimously

Article 8

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$13,269.49, an amount equal to one-half of the amount received by the Town as Medicare Part D reimbursements, to the Williamsburg School Department.

Passed Unanimously

Article 9

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected and appointed officers of the Town for the twelve month period ending June 30, 2018, as provided in M.G.L. c.41, §108, as amended, and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for that same period, with each line being its own appropriation and in the total sum of \$7,327,118 as recommended by the Finance Committee, such sum to be raised by transferring \$218,000 from Free Cash and raising \$7,109,118 from taxation.

Passed Unanimously

	FY16 Actual Expenditure	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	FY18 Department Initial Requests	FY18 Finance Recommends	Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
1 Moderator	0	325	325	332	7
2 Selectboard Salaries	8,924	9,102	9,102	9,284	182
3 Selectboard Expenses	3,522	3,750	3,750	3,750	
4 Town Administrator	51,264	52,289	65,354	66,661	14,372
5 Administrative Assistant	14,196	14,481	14,481	16,095	1,614
6 Town Administrator Expenses	741	750	750	750	
7 Oliver Smith Trustee	34	35	35	36	1
8 Town Counsel	19,845	15,000	15,000	15,000	
9 Advertising Expenses	135	1,200	1,200	1,200	
10 Constable Salary	426	435	435	444	9
11 Constable Elections	100	100	100	100	
12 Finance Committee Salaries	4,033	4,114	4,114	4,196	82
13 Finance Committee Chair	0	185	0		-185
14 Finance Committee Secretary	0	716	0		-716
15 Finance Committee Expenses	500	500	500	500	
16 Reserve Fund from Free Cash	0.00	60,000	60,000	60,000	
17 Reserve Fund from Taxation		0	0		
18 Capital Planning Labor	0	341	341	348	7
19 Capital Planning Expenses	0	75	75	75	
20 Accountant Labor	27,710	27,943	28,585	28,585	642
21 Accountant Expenses	108	300	300	300	
22 Accounting Software	750	750	750	750	
23 Audit Services	14,000	14,500	14,500	14,500	
24 Assessor's Salaries	8,924	9,102	9,102	9,284	182
25 Assessor's Labor	9,384	13,069	13,069	14,266	1,197
26 Assessor's Expenses	3,254	8,200	14,200	14,200	6,000
27 Assessor's Revaluation	9,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	
28 Treasurer's Salary	20,660	21,073	21,073	22,504	1,431
29 Treasurer's Add'l Salary		0	1,000	1,000	1,000
30 Treasurer's Assistant	5,744	5,859	5,859	5,976	117
31 Treasurer's Expenses	4,348	5,600	5,000	5,000	-600
32 Treasurer's Software	2,785	2,800	4,800	4,800	2,000
33 OPEB Reval		750	750	750	
34 OBEB Trust	5,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	
35 Town Heating Oil Expense	36,828	60,492	50,492	50,492	-10,000
36 Town Electric Expense	24,266	28,000	25,500	25,500	-2,500
37 Town Telephone	7,079	8,068	8,068	8,068	
38 Collector's Salary	29,256	29,841	29,841	30,438	597
39 Collector's Add'l Salary	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	

		FY16 Actual Expenditure	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	FY18 Department Initial Requests	FY18 Finance Recommends	Change
40	Collector's Expenses	8,882	9,130	9,130	9,130	
41	Deputy Collector Expenses	1,329	2,000	2,000	2,000	
42	Clerk's Salary	18,285	18,651	18,651	20,965	2,314
43	Clerk's Assistant	2,300	2,346	2,346	2,393	47
44	Clerk's Expenses	1,486	1,720	1,700	1,700	-20
45	Clerk's Software	500	500	500	500	
46	Registrar/Election Expenses	7,501	9,500	8,000	8,000	-1,500
47	Street Listing	1,135	1,420	1,450	1,450	30
48	Conservation Comm Labor	1,830	1,938	1,950	1,989	51
49	Conservation Comm Expenses	909	2,050	3,025	3,025	975
50	Energy Committee	250	250	250	250	
51	Agricultural Commission		0	0		
52	Planning Board	482	750	750	750	
53	Zoning Bd of Appeals Expenses	530	600	600	600	
54	Custodian Labor	10,893	11,352	11,352	11,877	525
55	Town Buildings & Grounds	23,791	31,500	41,500	41,500	10,000
56	Town Office Expense	805	2,500	2,500	2,500	
57	Town Office Telephone	7,079	0			
58	Town Office Internet Services	2,773	5,159	5,159	5,159	
59	Copier Maintenance	2,009	2,835	2,835	2,835	
60	Technology Upgrades	5,256	3,000	5,000	5,000	2,000
61	Computer Services	3,309	19,269	22,289	22,289	3,020
62	Town Building Repairs	31,489	15,000	20,000	20,000	5,000
63	Town Reports	1,411	1,900	1,900	1,900	
64	Building Supervisor	6,932	7,071	7,071	7,212	141
65	Subtotal General Government	455,981	563,686	591,909	601,708	38,022

	PROTECTION PERSONS and PROPERTY	FY16 Actual Expenditure	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	FY18 Department Initial Requests	FY18 Finance Recommends	Change
66	Police Chief Salary	61,199	62,423	66,081	67,403	4,980
67	Police Dept Labor	87,471	134,110	123,044	125,505	-8,605
68	Police Dept Expenses	25,053	24,626	24,626	24,626	
69	Police Records Software	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	
70	Fire Dept Salaries	27,064	22,584	22,584	24,187	1,603
71	Fire Dept Labor	28,463	28,961	28,961	29,540	579
72	Fire Dept Expenses	22,416	24,501	27,500	27,500	2,999
73	Fire Dept Admin Asst		5,171	5,171	5,274	103
74	Ambulance Service	58,775	75,525	108,191	108,191	32,666
75	Emer Management Dir Salary	1,148	1,171	1,171	1,194	23
76	Emer Management Deputy	534	545	545	556	11

		FY16 Actual Expenditure	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	FY18 Department Initial Requests	FY18 Finance Recommends	Change
77	Emer Management Expense	3,156	3,750	3,750	3,750	
78	Hamp County Emergency Comm System	486	486	486	486	
79	Shade Tree Committee Expenses	5,000	5,000			-5,000
80	Tree Removal/Planting	1,977	2,000	7,000	7,000	5,000
81	Subtotal Protection Persons and Property	328,242	396,353	424,610	430,712	34,359
	EDUCATION	FY16 Actual Expenditure	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	FY18 Department Initial Requests	FY18 Finance Recommends	Change
82	School Committee Salaries	1,600	1,632	1,632	1,665	33
83	Local School Expenses	1,931,646	2,035,133	2,066,470	2,066,470	31,337
84	School Design		0			
85	Vocational School Assessment	185,637	191,688	329,586	329,586	137,898
86	Vocational Transportation	37,944	38,767	38,158	38,158	-609
87	Hampshire Reg School Assessmen	1,216,034	1,347,573	1,367,965	1,367,965	20,392
88	Subtotal Education	3,372,861	3,614,793	3,803,811	3,803,844	189,051
	PUBLIC WORKS and FACILITIES	FY16 Actual Expenditure	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	FY18 Department Initial Requests	FY18 Finance Recommends	Change
89	Highway Superintendent	60,274	61,479	61,479	62,709	1,230
90	Highway Labor	146,963	151,816	151,816	154,852	3,036
91	Highway Road Maintenance	61,333	65,463	65,463	65,463	
92	Highway Garage/Equipment Maintenance	32,834	36,641	36,641	36,641	
93	Highway Surplus and Safety Equipment		3,000	3,000	3,000	
94	Vehicle Fuel	29,660	42,000	35,000	35,000	-7,000
95	Invasive Species Eradication	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
96	Cement Sidewalk Construction	1,433	5,000	5,000	5,000	
97	Winter Overtime	1,929	14,643	14,643	14,936	293
98	Winter Expenses	46,391	72,500	72,500	72,500	
99	Street Lighting	11,791	11,432	11,432	11,432	
100	Transfer Station Labor (Board of Health)	23,072	23,533	27,533	28,638	5,105
101	Transfer Station Expenses (Board of Health)	51,615	75,000	71,000	71,000	-4,000
102	Cemetery Commission	500	1,000	1,000	1,000	
103	Subtotal Public Works and Facilities	468,795	564,507	557,507	563,171	-1,336
	HUMAN SERVICES	FY16 Actual Expenditure	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	FY18 Department Initial Requests	FY18 Finance Recommends	Change
104	Board of Health Salaries	3,937	4,016	4,016	4,096	80
105	Board of Health Expenses	190	1,050	1,050	1,050	
106	Public Health Nurse		2,040	2,500	2,550	510

		FY16 Actual Expenditure	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	FY18 Department Initial Requests	FY18 Finance Recommends	Change
107	Animal Inspector	1,116	1,275	1,200	1,224	-51
108	COA Director	19,500	22,874	22,874	23,453	579
109	COA Outreach Coordinator	16,981	17,664	17,664	18,017	353
110	COA Admin Assistant	10,291	12,538	12,538	12,789	251
111	COA Meal Site Staffing	6,300	6,627	8,813	8,989	2,362
112	COA Expenses	3,218	3,718	3,718	3,718	
113	COA HEN Program	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	
114	Veterans Agent	9,447	10,172	10,111	10,111	-61
115	Veterans Benefits	56,384	56,500	41,500	41,500	-15,000
116	Amer With Disabilities Exp		400	400	400	
117	Subtotal Human Services	130,864	142,374	129,884	131,397	-10,977
	CULTURE and RECREATION	FY16 Actual Expenditure	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	FY18 Department Initial Requests	FY18 Finance Recommends	Change
118	Library Director	46,125	47,048	47,048	47,989	941
119	Library Labor	71,352	75,975	81,475	83,105	7,130
120	Library Expenses		0			
121	Library Exp-Utilities		0			
122	Library Exp-Maintenance	13,295	13,590	13,590	13,590	
123	Library Exp-Books & Supplies		1,500	3,000	1,500	
124	Recreation Labor	3,865	4,102	4,102	4,184	82
125	Athletic Fields	4,831	5,000	5,000	5,000	
126	Woodland Trails Committee	494	500	500	500	
127	Open Space Committee		0			
128	Historical Commission Exp		500	500	500	
129	Veterans Recognition	325	500	500	500	
130	Subtotal Culture and Recreation	140,287	148,715	155,715	156,868	8,153
	DEBT SERVICE	FY16 Actual Expenditure	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	FY18 Department Initial Requests	FY18 Finance Recommends	Change
131	Hampshire Regional Debt Service	75,923	74,113	73,341	73,341	-772
132	Highland Ambulance Debt Service	4,446	1,545			-1,545
133	Highland Ambulance Building Debt Service		16,809	13,795	13,795	-3,014
134	School Feasibility Interest	2,102	1,401	1,401	1,401	
135	School Feasibility Principal	23,350	23,350	23,350	23,350	
136	School Building Interest	142,649	135,699	128,750	128,750	-6,949
137	School Building Principal	231,650	231,650	231,650	231,650	
138	Fire Truck Principal		0	53,000	53,000	53,000
139	Fire Truck Debt Interest		0	2,885	2,885	2,885
142	Highway Garage Principal	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	
143	Highway Garage Interest	4,150	3,700	3,250	3,250	-450

		FY16 Actual Expenditure	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	FY18 Department Initial Requests	FY18 Finance Recommends	Change
146	Highway Truck 2009-Principal	27,000	0			
147	Highway Truck 2009-Interest	740	0			
150	Highway Truck 2015 Principal		27,000	27,000	27,000	
151	Highway Truck 2015 Interest		780	972	972	192
160	Subtotal Debt Service	527,009	531,047	574,394	574,394	43,347
	INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES	FY16 Actual Expenditure	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	FY18 Department Initial Requests	FY18 Finance Recommends	Change
161	Hampshire Council of Governments Assessment	1,252	1,252	1,252	1,252	
162	Hampshire County Regional Lockup	2,358	2,358	2,358	2,358	
163	Hilltown Resource Managemnt (Board of Health)	7,423	10,937	10,638	10,638	-299
164	Foothills Health District (Board of Health)	22,827	23,941	23,942	23,942	1
165	Building Inspection Program	36,000	36,000	37,800	37,800	1,800
166	Plumbing / Gas Inspector Training	300	300	300	300	
167	PVPC Assessment	372	382	391	391	9
168	Subtotal Intergovernmental Expenses	70,532	75,170	76,681	76,681	1,511
	FIXED MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	FY16 Actual Expenditure	Finance Committee Recommended	FY18 Department Initial Requests	FY18 Finance Recommends	Change
169	Hampshire County Retirement	218,612	219,900	257,132	257,132	37,232
170	Worker's Compensation	21,883	24,488	33,993	33,993	9,505
171	Unemployment Insurance	886	8,500	8,500	8,500	
172	Group Insurance	438,027	494,738	557,910	557,910	63,172
173	Medicare & Social Security	35,650	40,673	41,893	42,731	2,058
174	Police & Fire Disability Insurance	13,442	15,042	14,513	14,513	-529
175	Comprehensive Insurance	54,207	63,478	73,564	73,564	
176	Subtotal Fixed Misc Expenses	782,707	866,819	987,505	988,343	111,438
177	TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	6,277,279	6,903,464	7,302,016	7,327,118	413,567
178	FROM FREE CASH/STABILIZATION		190,000	243,000	218,000	
180	FROM TAXATION		6,713,464	7,059,016	7,109,118	
181	Total budget percent change		4.15%	5.77%	6.14%	

Article 10

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to accept monies from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, including but not limited to Chapter 90 funds, for the maintenance and reconstruction of Town roads and bridges, and to authorize expenditure of the same without further appropriation.

Passed Unanimously

Article 11

Motion made and seconded that the vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §54E½, as most recently amended, to (1) authorize revolving funds for certain Town departments for Fiscal Year 2018; (2) further, to amend the Town General Government By-laws by inserting a new By-law entitled "Revolving Funds;" (3) to establish fiscal year spending limits, all as set forth below; and (4) to re authorize the revolving funds listed below at such annual spending limits for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, or take any other action relative thereto.

Revolving Funds

1. Purpose. This By-law establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by the Town Departments, Boards, Committees, Agencies or Officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of those programs or activities. These revolving funds are established under and governed by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½.
2. Expenditure Limitations. A Department or Agency head, Board, Committee or Officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this By-law without appropriations subject to the following limitations:
 - A. Fringe benefits of full-time employees subject to the following limitations, except for those employed as school bus drivers.
 - B. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.
 - C. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall be subject to the limitation established by Town Meeting or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §53E½.
 - D. Interest. Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this By-law shall be credited to the general fund.
3. The following is a list of authorized revolving funds setting forth the name of the fund, the entity authorized to expend such funds, the revenue source and the use of such fund.

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund		Revenue Source	Use of Fund
Gas Inspector Revolving Fund	Gas Inspector		Fees charged for inspections required under the permit process	Salary of the Inspector and expenses related to the issuance of permits.
Electrical Inspector Revolving Fund	Electrical Inspector		Fees charged for inspections required under the permit process	Salary of the Inspector and expenses related to the issuance of permits.
Plumbing Inspector Revolving Fund	Plumbing Inspector		Fees charged for inspections required under the permit process	Salary of the Inspector and expenses related to the issuance of permits.
Transfer Station Open Box Revolving Fund	Board of Health		Fees and charges for services related to the Transfer Station and disposal areas.	Disposal costs of the open box and management of the Transfer Station and disposal areas.
Planning Board Revolving Fund	Planning Board		Fees charged specific to proposed subdivisions within Williamsburg and new construction	Expenses associated with proposed subdivisions within Williamsburg and other related expenses associated with new buildings
Animal Control Officer Revolving Fund	Town Clerk		Fees specific to dogs	Expenses associated with licensing and dogs and controlling animals and to pay the Animal Control Officer salary.
Recreation Commission Revolving Fund	Recreation Commission		Fees specific to recreation programs	Pay cost of operating recreation programs.
Council on Aging Revolving Fund	Council on Aging Executive Director		Fees specific to advertising in the Council on Aging newsletter	Pay for printing and distribution of the Council on Aging newsletter
Conservation Commission Revolving Fund	Conservation Commission		Fees specific to NOI/WPA filing fees	Pay expenses associated with WPA filing fees for administration and Enforcement of Wetlands Protection Act.
Board of Appeals Revolving Fund	Board of Appeals		Fees specific to applications	Pay expenses associated with processing of applications, purchase of laptop computer and software for record keeping
Fire Dept. Revolving Fund	Fire Chief		Fees specific to inspections (smoke, CO, etc.)	Salary of the Inspector and expenses related to the issuance of permits

And to set Fiscal Year 2018 spending limits for each of the above Revolving Funds as follows:

Revolving Fund	FY18 Spending Limit
Gas Inspector Revolving Fund	\$ 1,500
Electrical Inspector Revolving Fund	\$ 7,500
Plumbing Inspector Revolving Fund	\$ 3,500
Transfer Station Open Box Revolving Fund	\$18,000
Planning Board Revolving Fund	\$30,000
Animal Control Officer Revolving Fund	\$ 5,000
Recreation Commission Revolving Fund	\$30,000
Council on Aging Revolving Fund	\$ 2,000
Conservation Commission Revolving Fund	\$ 5,000
Board of Appeals Revolving Fund	\$ 6,000
Fire Dept. Revolving Fund	\$ 3,000
Total Spending	\$111,500

Passed Unanimously

Article 12

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$198,289 composed of the amounts listed below, for the purpose of operating and maintaining and constructing the Town water system, including the laying of mains, for fiscal year 2018, and take said sum from Water Enterprise Revenue.

Salaries	\$ 2,800
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$195,488</u>
Total	\$198,288

Passed Unanimously

Article 13

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$168,188 composed of the amounts listed below, for the purpose of operating, maintaining and constructing the Town sewer system for fiscal year 2018, and take said sum from Sewer Enterprise Revenue.

Salaries	\$ 2,800
<u>Operation & Maintenance</u>	<u>\$165,388</u>
Total	\$168,188

Passed Unanimously

Article 14

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$8,604 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a turnout gear washer, and any other incidental and related expenses.

Passed by Majority (1-No)

Article 15

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$46,000 for the purchase of a 2017 Ford Utility Police Interceptor and any related equipment for the Police Department.

Passed by Majority (3-No)

Article 16

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$65,000 to conduct a comprehensive study of topography, parcel data, right of way, wetland boundaries and other crucial site information for ongoing planning efforts by the Mill River Greenway Committee and other committees.

There was much discussion regarding tree removal, access for motorized vehicles (no), and cost to the Town.

Motion made and seconded to call the question.

Passed 2/3 Majority as declared by the Moderator (No-7)

Original Motion Passed Majority as declared by Moderator (No-10)

Article 17

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$16,000 to purchase and install a new compactor and box for the Transfer Station.

Passed Unanimously

Article 18

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$500 for setup of the new payroll software for the Treasurer.

Passed Unanimously

Article 19

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$11,000 for removal and maintenance of town shade trees.

Passed Unanimously

Article 20

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer free cash the sum of \$5,369 for the purchase of three new Taser X26 units and any related equipment necessary for deployment of these units for the police.

Some discussion for and against the purchase. Concern for civil liberties and training for the officers.

Passed Majority as declared by the Moderator

Article 21

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$3,360 for repair of the John Deere backhoe.

Passed Unanimously

Article 22

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, §1B to make the elected position of Treasurer an appointed position, such appointment to be made by the Board of Selectmen for a term not to exceed three (3) years; provided, however that before such change may take effect, it must be approved by the voters of the Town at the 2018 Annual Town Election.

Passed Unanimously

Article 23

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to amend the vote under Article 16 of the 2013 Annual Town Meeting such that the purpose for which the funds were raised and appropriated shall not be limited to the purchase and installation of insulation in the Meekins Library, but may also include related ventilation and repairs in the attic and dome as well as any necessary design work.

Passed Unanimously

Article 24

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Conservation Commission, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C, as it may be amended, and other Massachusetts statutes related to conservation, to acquire, by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, for conservation, open space and passive recreation purposes, certain property together with any buildings thereon, known as Horse Mountain, consisting of 34 acres, more or less, as shown on Assessors Map 8H, Parcels 9, 47 and 50, and, further, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise, the sum of \$57,820, for the purpose of acquiring said property, and the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of the Town of Williamsburg any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under Chapter 132A, Section 11 (the so-called LAND grant) and/or any other applications in any way connected with the scope of this acquisition, and the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Williamsburg to effect said acquisition and apply for, accept and expend said grant funds.

Motion made and seconded to amend the motion to:

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for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under Chapter 132A, Section 11 (the so-called LAND grant) and/or any other applications in any way connected with the scope of this acquisition, and the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Williamsburg to effect said acquisition and apply for, accept and expend said grant funds.

Motion to amend original Motion Passed Unanimously

Amended Motion Passed 2/3 Majority as declared by Moderator (No-3)

Article 25

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Town of Williamsburg Zoning Bylaw as follows:

Revise Section 3.2, under “Business with a drive-through”, in the column for Village Mixed District (VM), by deleting “SP/SPR”, and inserting in place thereof “N”,

There was much discussion about this amendment both in favor and against.

Motion made and seconded to call the question.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Original Motion Failed 2/3 Majority as declared by Moderator

Article 26

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Town of Williamsburg Zoning Bylaw as follows:

Revise Section 9.83 b.1, by deleting the words “Signs, which were legal under any prior Bylaw and are illegal hereunder, shall be considered to be in violation of the Bylaw”, and inserting in place thereof “Signs which were illegal under any prior Bylaw and are illegal hereunder shall be considered to be in violation of the Bylaw.”,

Passed Unanimously

Article 27

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40, Section 57, as amended by Section 38 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016 (otherwise known as the Municipal Modernization Act) to amend the Town General Government By-laws by inserting a new by-law entitled “License or Permit Renewals”

LICENSE OR PERMIT RENEWALS

By-law Authorizing Denial or Revocation of Local License or Permit for Nonpayment of Local Taxes, Fees, or Other Charges in the Town of Williamsburg

Section 1. The Town may, as authorized under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 40, Section 57 and this By-Law, deny any application for, or revoke or suspend a building permit, or any local permit including renewals and transfers issued by any board, officer, department for any person, corporation or business enterprise, who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges, including amounts assessed under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate whose owner has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges.

- (a) The Town Collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges, hereinafter referred to as the Town Collector, shall annually, and may periodically, furnish to each Department, Board, Commission or Division, hereinafter referred to as the Licensing Authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.
- (b) The Licensing Authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the Licensing Authority from the Town Collector or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the Licensing Authority; provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and the Town Collector, as required by applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen (14) days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation, or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The Town Collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation, or suspension. Any findings made by the Licensing Authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purpose of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the License Authority receives a certificate issued by the Town Collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as the date of issuance of said certificate.
- (c) Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the Licensing Authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the

suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.

- (d) The Board of Selectmen may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, or if any members of his/her immediate family, as defined in Section One of Chapter Two Hundred and Sixty-Eight A in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

This section shall not apply to the following licenses and permits: open burning, Section Thirteen of Chapter Forty-Eight; bicycle permits, Section Eleven A of Chapter Eighty-Five; sales of articles for charitable purposes, Section Thirty-Three of Chapter One Hundred and One; children work permits, Section Sixty-Nine of Chapter One Hundred and Forty-Nine; clubs, associations dispensing food or beverage licenses; Section Twenty-One E of Chapter One Hundred and Forty; dog licenses, Section One Hundred and Thirty-Seven of Chapter One Hundred and Forty; fishing, hunting, trapping licenses, Section Twelve of Chapter One Hundred and Thirty-One; marriage licenses, Section Twenty-Eight of Chapter Two Hundred and Seven; and theatrical events, public exhibition permits, Section One Hundred and Eighty-One of Chapter One Hundred and Forty.

There was discussion on various types of licenses not listed.

Passed 2/3 Majority as declared by Moderator (No-4)

Article 28

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Town of Williamsburg Zoning Bylaw by adding the following new Section:

20.0 TEMPORARY MORATORIA. Further to amend the Table of Contents to add Section 20.0. "Temporary Moratoria" and the ensuing parts as proposed herein.

20.1. Temporary Moratorium on the Sale and Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed

20.1.1 Purpose:

By vote on November 8, 2016, the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law regulating the cultivation, distribution, possession, and use of marijuana that was not medically prescribed. The law provides that it is effective on December 15, 2016 and that a Cannabis Control Commission shall issue regulations regarding implementation by September 15, 2017. Furthermore, Chapter 351 of the Acts of 2016, approved by the Governor on December 30, 2016 and effective immediately as an emergency law, extended the time period for issuance of the regulations by six months, to March 15, 2018.

Under the existing Town of Williamsburg Zoning Bylaw, Non-Medical Marijuana Establishments as defined below are not a permitted use in the Town and any regulations promulgated by the State Cannabis Control Commission are expected to provide guidance to towns and cities in regulating Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers.

The regulation of Non-Medical Marijuana Establishments raise legal, planning, and public safety issues and the Town needs time to study and consider the regulation of

Non-Medical Marijuana Establishments and consider these issues; as well as to address the potential impact of the State regulations on local zoning; to undertake a planning process to consider amending the Zoning Bylaw regarding regulation of Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers. The Town intends to adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures in the Town for Non-Medical Marijuana Establishments so as to allow the Town sufficient time to engage in a planning process to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to adopt provisions of the Zoning Bylaw in a manner consistent with sound land use planning goals and objectives.

20.1.2 Definitions

"Non-Medical Marijuana establishment," a marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business.

20.1.3 Temporary Moratorium.

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for Non-Medical Marijuana Establishments. The moratorium shall be in effect through September 30, 2018. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of non-medically prescribed marijuana in the Town, consider the Cannabis Control Commission regulations regarding Non-Medical Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers and related uses, and if appropriate determine whether the Town will prohibit on-site consumption at Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers. The Town will also consider adopting new provisions of the Zoning Bylaw to address the impact and operation of Non-Medical Marijuana Establishments and related uses.

20.1.5. Severability. The provisions of this by-law are severable. If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this By-law or the application thereof to any person, establishment, or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application of this bylaw.”,

Passed 2/3 Majority as declared by Moderator (No-12)

Article 29

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to approve the following resolution, or take any other action relative thereto. (Article submitted by petition)

Resolution Supporting State and Federal Legislation to Provide Greater Transparency in Political Donations and Limit the Influence of Money in Politics

WHEREAS, recent changes in funding and disclosure rules for national, state and local political elections have degraded the goals of the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, a recent decision by the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) now allows an infusion of previously prohibited out-of-state money to influence local and state

elections, new legislation is now required to prohibit such funding from circumventing Massachusetts state law; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to restore voter confidence in our democracy, a grassroots movement known as "Represent.Us" is working for legislative reforms to reduce the opportunity for corruption within the political system in our country by supporting a legislative reform bill known as the "American Anti-Corruption Act" (the Act); and

WHEREAS, the Act targets bribery by preventing lobbyists from donating to politicians and influencing policymaking; ends secret money by mandating full transparency; enables citizens to fund elections; closes the revolving door between Congress and lobbying firms; and enhances the power of the Federal Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, this national organization's local chapter, Represent.US Western Mass, sought and promoted an advisory referendum; specifically in the Hampshire/Franklin State Senate District (currently held by Stan Rosenberg) to build support for this initiative; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014, the citizens of the above mentioned district were given the opportunity to be heard on this topic through the above advisory referendum where the question received 84 percent aggregate support across the entire district, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the citizens of the Town of Williamsburg Massachusetts that we support tough new anti-corruption laws to close loopholes in Massachusetts' campaign finance regulations that currently allows unregulated out-of-state money to infiltrate state and local elections; and we support the goals outlined in the American Anti-Corruption Act to remove the corrupting influence of money on our political system. The Act prohibits politicians from taking campaign money from special interest groups including private industries and unions; increases transparency for campaign funding; empowers all voters through a tax rebate voucher to contribute to the candidates they support; prohibits representatives and senior staff from all lobbying activity for five years once they leave office; and places limits on superPACs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of the Town of Williamsburg implores our elected representatives in Boston, State Senator Adam Hinds and Rep. Steven Kulik and in Washington, Sen. Edward Markey and Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Rep. Richard Neal (or their successors) to lead this effort to enact these initiatives in Massachusetts and in the U.S. Congress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Town of Williamsburg is hereby directed to give notice to the above representatives by sending a certified copy of this resolution to each of them.

Passed Unanimously

Motion made and seconded to adjourn Town Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:11 P.M.

Filed: June 8, 2017

A True Copy Attest: Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Brenda Lessard".

Brenda Lessard
Williamsburg Town Clerk

Cc: Accountant, Department of Revenue, Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Assessors, KP/Law, Highway Department, Planning Board, Board of Health, Town Administrator, Water & Sewer Commission, Conservation Commission, Board of Library Trustees, Open Space Committee, Police Department, Capital Planning, HRHS School District, Fire Department, Mill River Greenway, HRMC, Collector