

Annual 2006 Report of the Town Clerk

It was a year of change, some small and seamless, others less so for the Town Clerk's Office.

In November 2005 we voted to change our General Bylaws affecting the Annual Town Meeting and Town Elections. Therefore, May 1, 2006 was the first year that Annual elections were held with elected officials taking office the first of July. Per the vote of Town Meeting and approval of the Attorney General our Annual Town Meeting was held the first Monday in June for the first time. There was discussion at the State level and throughout many Western Massachusetts towns throughout the summer about the fact we had received Attorney General approval to move Town Meeting while other towns had been subsequently denied approval. Good news came in the fall that The Attorney General would not be revoking our approval and that State Officials were working to change the Massachusetts General Laws to allow other towns to follow suit. The benefit of moving the date of Town meeting gives the Finance Committee a more accurate and complete financial picture from the State before bringing the town budget before the voters.

We had a fairly busy election year with the added state elections. The Voter registrars assisted in 7-voter registration days and in the collection of many, many petitions and nomination papers. In addition Voter Registrar, Diane O'Sullivan came in many additional days and evenings to help me certify all those petitions and nomination papers getting them done in accordance with state deadlines.

At our November special town meeting we began checking in and supplying voters with a voting card at town meetings. The process went smoothly, was helpful to the moderator in counting votes and was well accepted by the voters in attendance. We will continue this process for the Caucus and future meetings.

The following Town Meetings and Elections were held in Williamsburg from January 2006 to December 2006.

Annual Caucus – Monday, March 6, 2006
Special Town Meeting – Monday April 10, 2006
Annual Election – Monday, May 1, 2006
Annual Town Meeting – Monday, June 5, 2006 (continued to June 19, 2006)
Special Election – Monday, July 24, 2006
September Primary Election – Tuesday, September 19, 2006
November State Election – Tuesday, November 7, 2006
November Special Town Meeting – Thursday, November 9, 2006

As of December 31, 2006 there were 1,763 registered voters. The breakdown of registered voters:

622 active registered Democrats
163 active registered Republicans
957 active registered Unenrolled (formerly called Independent)
16 registered Green-Rainbow
4 registered Libertarian
1 registered Green Party USA

Thank you to the Registrar of Voters – Diane O'Sullivan, Linda Rowley and Jean York, the Wardens - Bess Lojko, Winona Lockwood and Kathleen Luce and the dedicated and efficient election workers – Dot Lucey, Janet Nurczyk, Pat Casterline, Shelia Dufresne, Bernadine Magdalenski, Donald Owens, John Pohanka, Mary Ann Ciuffreda, Claudia Downey, Kathy Davidheiser, and Lucille Clark. Special appreciation to my checkers at the Town Meetings – Diane O'Sullivan and Maureen Mathers.

As always, I appreciate the support and flexibility of the School Administration and hard work of head custodian, Mike O'Brien in the setup for all our town events.

Many thanks to our dedicated Constables, John Svoboda, Paul Sanderson, Jeffrey Cranston, and Wilbur Loomis, for all their efforts and support of the election process.

As always, dog licenses were issued, records were updated, filings made, in addition to providing residents and families with copies of vital records and genealogy searches. In this regard, Ralmon Black has provided my office with several excel spreadsheets. One on roads and the other a list of vital records for the last 102 years both of which enables me to do a quick search. It is extremely helpful to have these and as always I appreciate his and the Historical Commissions' work in making records so easily available to the public.

The following numbers and licenses were recorded as of December 31, 2006:

The total population - 2,412

Residents 18 and over - 2,240

The Dog Officers and Town Clerk licensed 496 dogs (including kennel licenses).

Fishing and Hunting Licenses were issued from the Town Clerks office as listed below:

39 Sporting and Hunting Licenses

21 Fishing Licenses

It is with great joy that The Town of Williamsburg recorded 21 births. May each of those children and their families be blessed with good health and happiness.

It is always exciting to see couples take the step of committing to one another through marriage. The Town of Williamsburg issued and recorded 9 Marriages. Wishing them many joyous moments and strength through the tougher times.

It is always with great sadness that I hear of and record a death from our community. It was a particularly difficult this year as we felt the loss of two residents, Mr. Edward Crotty and Mr. David "Rabbitt" Haskell, not only at the community level but in the Town Government as well.

Over the years, Ed successfully served the Town in the official capacities of Williamsburg Fire Fighter, Deputy Chief of Police and Constable. Ed cared deeply for the town and in addition to his many official capacities; his giving presence was felt throughout the Town. He will be forever missed not only by those that loved him the most, his immediate family, but also by his extended family here at the Town Offices.

Rabbitt served his Country and the Town with strength, passion and dedication. He was a Williamsburg Fire Fighter, Water and Sewer Commissioner, member of the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen – he left his mark in position he held. He will never be forgotten.

The Town of Williamsburg recorded 15 deaths in the year 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene L. Nardi

CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION -TOWN CAUCUS 2006

We certify that a caucus of qualified voters (quorum 40) of the Town of Williamsburg was called and held in accordance with the provisions of law relating thereto, at the Anne T. Dunphy School on the sixth day of March 2006, and the following nominations of Candidates for Town Offices were made:
The Town Clerk, Charlene Nardi, called the meeting to order at 7:10PM. The Voters of Caucus elected a Chair and Secretary.

Chair: Eileen Stewart

Secretary: Kimberly Hyslip

OFFICE	TERM	CANDIDATE	RESIDENCE SIGNATURE
ASSESSOR Accepted by Letter	3	Denise Banister	54 Old Goshen Rd
BOARD OF HEALTH Accepted by Letter	3	Ira Gabrielson	85 Old Goshen Rd.
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES Signed by same	2	Constance Fitzgerald	8 South Main St
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES Not Signed	3	Christopher Loring	89 Mountain St
Signed by same	3	James Locke	26 South St.
ELECTOR-OLIVER SMITH WILL Signed by same	1	Eric Cerreta	157 Main St.
FINANCE COMMITTEE Signed by same	3	Karen DeSalvio	28 Mountain St
Signed by same	3	Robert Buchele	4 South St
Signed by same	3	Walter "Kim" Boas	6 Maple St.
Signed by same	3	Michael Beattie	81 South St
FINANCE COMMITTEE Signed by same	2	Christopher Morris	28 Village Hill Rd
LOCAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE Signed by same	3	Charlene Nardi	67 Nash Hill Rd.
MODERATOR Signed by same	1	Eileen Stewart	7 Petticoat Hill Rd

RECREATION COMMISSION Signed by same	3	Dennis Bishop	179 Main St
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE Signed by same	3	Katherine Smith	54 Village Hill Rd
SELECTMAN Signed by same	3	Jeffrey Ciuffreda	15 Village Hill Ave
TRUST FUND/CEMETERY COMMISSION Signed by name	3	James DiDonato	6 Laurel Rd.
Declined Nomination	3	Peter Siersma	22 Hemenway Rd
WATER/SEWER COMMISSION Declined Nomination	2	Donald Owens	35 Kingsley Ave
Signed by same	2	Kenneth Taylor	13 Williams St
WATER/SEWER COMMISSION Signed by same	3	William Turner	21 Lawton Hill Rd

We hereby certify that at least forty qualified voters of the Town of Williamsburg participated and voted therein. Due to the fact that all of the nominees would be placed on the ballot, it was voted that the Secretary cast one ballot to certify the nominees are certified. We also certify that the caucus voted that in the case of death, withdrawal or in-eligibility of the candidate or candidates so nominated, the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the following: a committee consisting of the Chairman and Secretary of the Caucus and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

S/ Eileen Stewart, Presiding Officer

S/ Kim Hyslip, Secretary to Caucus

Filed March 13, 2006

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

CHARLENE L. NARDI, TOWN CLERK

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Williamsburg
Special Town Meeting
April 10, 2006**

Warrant was signed and posted on March 23, 2006:

Selectboard: Eric Cerreta and Denise Banister

Constable: Wilbur Loomis

A Quorum (60) being present the meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk at 7:00 p.m. With the absence of a moderator the first order of business was to elect a temporary moderator.

Moved and seconded to nominate Kimberly Hyslip as temporary moderator to preside over the special town meeting. Passed unanimously

Mrs. Hyslip was sworn- in by The Town Clerk. The Town Clerk read the greeting and return of service. Mrs. Hyslip asked for a motion under article 1.

Article 1

Moved and seconded to amend article 10 of the November 14, 2005 Special Town Meeting.

From: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of up to \$35,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of replacing or making necessary repairs to the roof of the Old Town Hall on Main Street in Williamsburg Center and to take said sum from the Foundation Reserve Grant Account.

To: To see if the Town will voter to appropriate the sum of \$24,500 for the purpose of paying the cost of replacing or making necessary repairs to the roof of the Old Town Hall on Main Street in Williamsburg Center and to take said sum from the Foundation Reserve Grant Account.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 2

Moved and seconded to transfer the sum of \$49,500.00 from the Foundation Reserve Grant account, \$25,312.08 from the Assessors Surplus Overlay Account and \$16,612.42 from the stabilization fund to a new account that will be used to refund property taxes to residents who received erroneous tax bills due to an over assessment error caused when converting computer records and for which the Governor approved and signed Bill #1694 – An Act Relative to Certain Property Tax Assessments in the Town of Williamsburg .

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved and seconded to adjourn Town Meeting at 7:07 p.m. Passed unanimously

Filed: April 25, 2006

A True Copy Attest:

Charlene L. Nardi
Town Clerk of Williamsburg

Cc: Accountant, Assessors, DOR, Finance Cmte, Selectboard, Town Attorney, and Treasurer

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG
Minutes of the Annual Election May 1, 2006

Warrant signed and posted on April 13, 2006
David Haskell

Last day to register to vote – April 11, 2006
Wilbur Loomis

Twenty-four (24) ballots were used to test the machine and ballots
Twenty-three (23) Absentee ballots were mailed, eighteen (18) were returned
Delivered one thousand six hundred and twenty six ballots to the polls.

Selectmen: Eric Cerreta, Denise Banister and

Constables: Paul Sanderson, John Svoboda,

The polls opened at 10 a.m. in the Anne T. Dunphy School cafeteria and balloting begun.

The polls closed at 7 p.m., the machine tape was printed. The following are the Election Results recorded by Wardens Kathleen Luce, Dot Lucy and Town Clerk, Charlene Nardi. All Elected individuals take office July 1, 2006 per the bylaw change voted November 14, 2005.

Votes Cast – 591 Number of Eligible Voters – 1718

Assessor – 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 130
Denise Banister – 455 E
Write-ins – 6

Board of Health – 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 134
Ira Gabrielson – 454 E
Write-ins – 3

Board of Library Trustees – 2 years – vote for 1 Board of Library Trustees – 3 years – vote for 2

Blanks – 174
Constance Fitzgerald – 416 E
Write-ins – 1

Blanks - 387
James Locke – 427 E
Christopher Loring – 366 E
Write-ins - 2

Elector Oliver Smith Will – 1 year vote for 1

Blanks – 174
Eric Cerreta – 404 E
Write-ins – 13

Finance Committee – 2 years – vote for 1

Blanks - 205
Christopher Morris – 381 E
Write-ins - 5

Finance Committee – 3 years – vote for 3

Blanks – 501
Michael Beattie – 288
Robert Buchele – 358 E
Walter “Kim” Boas – 322 E
Karen DeSalvio – 304 E
Write-ins – 0

Local School Committee – 3 years vote for 1

Blanks – 104
Charlene Nardi – 485 E
Write-ins – 2

Moderator – 1 year vote for 1

Blanks – 144
Eileen Stewart – 446 E
Write-ins – 1

Recreation Commission – 3 years vote for 1

Blanks – 152
Dennis Bishop - 438 E
Write-ins – 1

Regional School Committee – 3 years vote for 1

Blanks – 160
Katherine Smith - 430 E
Write-ins – 1

Selectman – 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 16
Jeffrey Ciuffreda – 501 E
Jeffrey Cranston – 72
Write-ins - 2

Trust Fund/Cemetery Commission – 3 years vote for 1

Blanks – 149
James DiDonato – 439 E
Write-ins – 3

Water/Sewer Commission – 2 years vote for 1

Blanks – 147
Kenneth Taylor – 441 E
Write-ins – 3

Water/Sewer Commission – 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 117
William Turner – 468 E
Write-ins – 6

Filed May 3, 2006

A True Copy Attest:

Charlene L. Nardi, Town Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Williamsburg
Annual 2006 Town Meeting - June 5, 2006
Continued to June 19, 2006

The Warrant was signed and posted on May 25, 2006.

Moderator: Eileen Stewart

Town Clerk: Charlene Nardi

Selectboard members present: Eric Cerreta and Denise Banister

Constables: John Svoboda, Jeff Cranston and Paul Sanderson

A quorum (60 registered voters) being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The Town Clerk read the greeting.

Selectmen Cerreta and Selectwoman Banister dedicated the 2005 Annual Town Report in memory of Edward Crotty. "Some folks simply reside in a Town; others truly live there and a special few become fixtures" – that was our friend, Ed Crotty. He will always be remembered.

Reminder: Henry Warner is retiring from Assessors, a potluck party will be held on Sunday June 25th on the lawn behind the Town Offices. Everyone is welcome.

Article 1

Moved and seconded to transfer the sum of \$24,450 from Free Cash to the Vocational Education Account for FY2006. This amount is to pay for an additional student and SPED services that were not included in the original FY2006 budget.

Finance Committee supports this motion.

Passed Unanimously

Article 2

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from the Water Retained Earnings Account to the FY2006 Water Department Expense line.

Finance Committee supports this motion;

Passed Unanimously

Article 3

Moved and seconded that the town vote to authorize the payment of \$5,213.00 from the FY2006 Police Labor Account to cover payment made for police department vacation compensation to the previous police department employees in FY2005. (requires 4/5th majority)

Passed Unanimously

Article 4

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$11,500 from the FY2006 Police Labor Account as follows: \$6,000.00 to the FY2006 Reserve Fund Account and \$5,500.00 to the FY2006 Police Expense Account.

(\$6,000 will repay a reserve fund transfer in April 2006 to pay an audit fee for the police department; \$3,000 will be to cover additional audit expenses that have not been billed yet and \$2,500.00 will cover heating fuel, electricity, gasoline, and postage costs for May and June.)

Passed Unanimously

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,708.50 for the purchase of a 2006 or 2007 Ford Explorer XLT for the Police Department and to transfer said sum from the FY06 Police labor to FY06 Police Expense Account.

Finance Committee is not in favor of the means of appropriation. They would prefer to appropriate through borrowing. Discussion on the value of the transfer of funds versus borrowing.

Moved and seconded to amend the article as follows: "that the said sum be appropriated by borrowing"

Amendment passes unanimously

Article as amended: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,708.50 for the purchase of a 2006 or 2007 Ford Explorer XLT for the Police Department and to appropriate said sum from borrowing.

Requires 2/3 vote - counted vote

- 75 + 67 = 142 - AYE

- 22 + 8 = 30 - Nay

Passes by 2/3 majority

Article 6

Moved and seconded to authorize the Moderator to choose a committee to expend the income from the Whiting Street Fund. **Passed unanimously**

Article 7

Moved and seconded to see if the town will vote to empower 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 town departments at such salaries or wage rates as shall be established by the Board of Selectmen.

Passed unanimously

Article 8

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$216,456.00 composed of the amounts listed below, for the purpose of operating and maintaining the town's water system, including the laying of mains in fiscal 2007, and take said sum from Water Enterprise Revenue

Salaries	\$ 2,800.00
Expenses	\$ 61,375.00
<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>\$ 152,281.00</u>
Total	\$ 216,456.00

Finance Committee recommends this motion

Passed unanimously

Article 9

Moved and seconded that the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 142,137.50 composed of the amounts listed below, for the purpose of operating, maintaining and constructing the town sewer system for fiscal year 2007, and appropriate said sum from Sewer Enterprise Revenue.

Salaries	\$ 2,800.00
Sewer Construction	\$ 30,000.00
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 76,250.00
<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>\$ 33,087.50</u>
Total	\$ 142,137.50

Passed unanimously

Article 10

Moved and seconded that the town vote to fix a salary and compensation of all elected and appointed officers of the town for the twelve month period ending June 30, 2007, as provided in Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws 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 period as follows:

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate, and transfer from available funds the sum of \$340,219, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "General Government", with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise \$ 268,169 from taxation and appropriate \$72,050 from free cash.

Passed – Unanimously

Category	Total Moved	Taxation	Amount for Free Cash
Fiscal Year =>	2007	2007	
General Government			
Moderator Labor	262	262	
Selectboard Salaries	7,323	7,323	
Selectboard Expenses	3,000	3,000	
Advertising	1,000	1,000	
Parking Clerk Labor	262	262	
Parking Clerk Expenses	0	0	
Constable's Salary	262	262	
Constable Elections	200	200	
Administrative Asst. (Town Sec.) Salary	24,008	24,008	
Independent Audit	17,000	17,000	
Elector Oliver Smith Will	25	25	
Finance Committee Stipends	3,310	3,310	
Finance Committee Secretary	800	800	
Finance Committee Chairman's Stipend	154	154	
Finance Committee Expenses	600	600	
Reserve Fund	50,000		50,000
Capital Planning Labor	289	289	
Capital Planning Expenses	125	125	
Town Accountant's Salary	15,995	15,995	
Town Accountant Labor	4,437	4,437	
Town Accountant's Software	9,400		9,400
Town Accountant's Expenses	1,110	1,110	
Assessors' Salaries	7,323	7,323	
Assessors' Labor	6,623	6,623	
Assessor's Expenses	2,942	2,942	
Assessor's CAMA Fee	1,250	1,250	
Assessors Revaluation	4,000	4,000	
Treasurer's Salary	16,480	16,480	
Treasurer Labor	2,693	2,693	
Treasurer's Expenses	4,600	4,600	
Treasure's Software	9,400		9,400
Treasurer's Certification Stipend	1,000	1,000	

Town Collector's Salary	24,000	24,000	
Town Collector's Certification Stipend	1,000	1,000	
Town Collector's Expenses	9,630	9,630	
Town Counsel	17,000	17,000	
Town Clerk's Salary	11,712	11,712	
Town Clerk labor	5,182	5,182	
Town Clerk's Expenses	1,000	1,000	
Town Clerk's Software	3,250		3,250
Elections / Registration	7,048	7,048	
Town Meeting Expense	578	578	
Street Listing	960	960	
Conservation Commission Labor	262	262	
Conservation Commission Expenses	3,100	3,100	
Planning Board	1,500	1,500	
Appeals Board	500	500	
Custodial Services	9,407	9,407	
Town Office Expense	3,200	3,200	
Town Buildings / Grounds	30,000	30,000	
Town Telephones	6,000	6,000	
Technical (web site, etc.)	2,000	2,000	
Town Reports	2,250	2,250	
Copier Maintenance	4,500	4,500	
First Call for Help	260	260	
Subtotal General Government	\$340,219	\$268,169	\$72,050

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$221,181, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "Protection, Persons & Property", with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise \$ 221,181 from taxation and the column captioned "amount from override" in the amount \$7,452 to be appropriated contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 referendum question under General Laws Chapter 59 section 21c.

Passed - unanimously

Category	Total Moved	Taxation without Override	Amount from override
Fiscal Year ==>	2007	2007	
<u>Protection, Persons & Property</u>			
Police Chief's Salary	12,832	12,832	
Police Department Labor	99,654	92,202	7,452
Police Department Expenses	26,857	26,857	
Police Department records software	3,354	3,354	
Fire Department Salaries	13,218	13,218	
Fire Department Labor	14,781	14,781	

Fire Department Expenses	20,900	20,900
Ambulance Service	26,269	26,269
Civil Defense Director's Salary	316	316
Shade Tree Committee (formerly Tree Warden)	3,000	3,000
Subtotal Protection, Persons & Property	\$221,181	\$213,729
		\$7,452

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,403,786, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "Local Elementary School", and to raise \$1,403,786 from taxation and the column captioned "amount from override" in the amount \$73,313 to be appropriated contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 referendum question under General Laws Chapter 59 section 21c.

Introduction of Superintendent Ripa and Presentation by Principal Venne

Moved and seconded to amend the motion as follows: that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,458,770, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "Local Elementary School", and to raise \$1,458,770 from taxation and appropriate the amount \$128,297 to be appropriated contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 referendum question under General Laws Chapter 59 section 21c.

Aye = 34 + 33 = 67 in favor of amendment

Nay = 51 + 75 = 126 against the amendment

Amendment defeated:

Back to the original motion:

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,403,786, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "Local Elementary School", and to raise \$1,403,786 from taxation and the column captioned "amount from override" in the amount \$73,313 to be appropriated contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 referendum question under General Laws Chapter 59 section 21c.

Passed unanimously

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,283,568, the amount recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "Hampshire Regional School", and to raise \$1,283,568 from taxation.

Presentation by Hampshire Regional School Administration

Passed unanimously

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$299,464, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "School Committee Stipends and the Vocational School", and to raise \$299,464 from taxation.

Passed unanimously

Category	Total Moved	Taxation without Override	Amount from override
Fiscal Year ==>	2007	2007	
Education			
School Committee Stipends	1,313	1,313	
Local School	1,403,786	1,330,473	73,313

Vocational School	298,151	298,151
Hampshire Regional School	1,283,568	1,283,568
Subtotal Educational Operating Budget \$2,986,818 \$2,913,505 \$73,313		

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$374,250, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "Public Works and Facilities", with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise \$374,250 from taxation and the column captioned "amount from override" in the amount \$19,111 to be appropriated contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 referendum question under General Laws Chapter 59 section 21c.

Passed unanimously

Category	Total Moved	Amount from Taxation without	amount from override
Public Works and Facilities			
Highway Labor	126,479	111,597	14,882
Highway Maintenance Expenses	55,175	55,175	
Highway Garage/Equipment Maintenance	36,116	36,116	
Highway Surplus Equipment	2,000	2,000	
Highway Winter Overtime	9,708	9,708	
Highway Winter Expenses	55,480	55,480	
Street Lighting	7,200	7,200	
Transfer Station Labor - (B of Health)	17,282	8,053	4,229
Transfer Station Expense- (B of Health)	68,810	68,810	
Cemetery Commission	1,000	1,000	
Subtotal Public Works and Facilities \$374,250 \$355,139 \$19,111			

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,444, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "Human Services", and to raise \$47,444 from taxation.

Passed unanimously

Category	Total Moved	Taxation without Override
Human Services		
Board of Health Salaries	3,231	3,231
Board Of Health Expenses	300	300
Animal Inspector	1,600	1,600
Public Health Nurse	2,208	2,208
Council on Aging Director	10,232	10,232
Council on Aging Director assistant	14,212	14,212
Meal Site Staffing	2,428	2,428

Council on Aging expenses	2,650	2,650
COA HEN Program	4,000	4,000
Veterans' Agent Salary	1,109	1,109
Veteran's Agent Expenses	400	400
Veterans' Benefits	4,675	4,675
American's w/disabilities expenses	400	400
Subtotal Human Services	\$47,444	\$47,444

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$101,175, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "Culture and Recreation", with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise \$101,175 from taxation and the column captioned "amount from override" in the amount \$4,803 to be appropriated contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 referendum question under General Laws Chapter 59 section 21c.

Moved and seconded to amend the motion as follows: to raise and appropriate the sum of \$104,777 for the purpose of "Culture and Recreation", with each item to be considered a separate appropriation and to raise \$104,777 from taxation and the amount \$8,405 to be appropriated contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 referendum question under General Laws Chapter 59 section 21c.

Aye - In favor of the amendment - 59 + 33 = 92

Nay - Not in favor of the amendment = 75

Amendment -Passed

Motion as amended passes by a majority

Category	Total Moved	Amount from Taxation without	amount from override
Culture and Recreation			
Town portion of Library salaries & labor	45,881	41,078	8,405
Town portion of Library books & supplies	28,439	28,439	
Town portion of Library maintenance	7,837	7,837	
Town portion of Library utilities	9,810	9,810	
subtotal Libraries cost to town	91,967	87,164	8,405
Athletic Fields	4,000	4,000	
Recreation Labor/Expenses	4,308	4,308	
Historical Commission Expense	500	500	
Historical Commission Survey	0	0	
Veterans Recognition	400	400	
Subtotal Culture and Recreation	\$104,777	\$96,372	\$8,405

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$316,386, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "Debt Service", and to raise \$316,386 from taxation. **Passed unanimously**

Category	Total Moved	Taxation without Override
Debt Service		
HRHS Debt Service	149,809	149,809
Local School Loan Payment	36,850	36,850
Local School Loan interest	1,265	1,265
Wood Waste Capping Loan	20,000	20,000
Wood Waste Capping interest	3,270	3,270
Backhoe Loan	0	
Backhoe interest	0	
Fire Truck Loan	19,000	19,000
Fire Truck interest	2,279	2,279
2nd Fire Truck Loan	0	
2nd Fire Truck interest	2,732	2,732
Grader principal	13,000	13,000
Grader interest	338	338
Library Principal	40,000	40,000
Library interest	14,115	14,115
Highway Sander principal	8,000	8,000
Highway Sander interest	208	208
Town office Heating System principal	4,000	4,000
Town office Heating System Interest	104	104
Highway Truck principal	0	0
Highway Truck interest	907	907
Fire/Police Station Roof principal	0	0
Fire/Police Station Roof interest	509	509
Subtotal Debt Service (including HRHS)		\$316,386 \$316,386

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$55,514**, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of **"Intergovernmental Expenses"**, and to raise **\$55,514** from taxation.

Passed unanimously

Category	Total Moved	Taxation without Override
Intergovernmental Expenses		
Hampshire Council of Governments	3,338	3,338
Building Inspection	22,030	22,030
Hilltown Resource Management (B.H.)	8,658	8,658
Foothills Health District (Board Health)	21,488	21,488
Subtotal Intergovernmental Expenses		\$55,514 \$55,514

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$630,988, the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of "Fixed Miscellaneous Expenses", and to raise \$630,988 from taxation. **Passed unanimously**

Moved and seconded that we approved the entire budget as moved section by section.
Passed unanimously

Category	Total Moved	Taxation without Override
County Retirement	115,311	115,311
Workers Compensation	16,462	16,462
Unemployment Insurance	61,563	61,563
Health Insurance	359,000	359,000
Social Security/Medicare	27,000	27,000
General Insurance	51,652	51,652
Subtotal Fixed Misc. Exp.	\$630,988	\$630,988

Article 11 Departmental Revolving Funds Authorization.

Moved and seconded that the town will vote to authorize revolving funds for certain town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 §53E1/2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 as described below.

Moved and seconded to amend the planning Board revolving fund from \$3,000 to \$30,000.

Passed unanimously

The motion as amended:

Passed unanimously

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY07 Spending Limit
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.	\$ 1,500.00
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.	\$ 7,500.00
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.	\$ 3,500.00
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.	\$18,000.00

Planning Board Revolving Fund	Planning Board	Fees charged specific to proposed sub-divisions within Williamsburg and new construction	Expenses associated with proposed sub-divisions within Williamsburg and other related expenses associated with new buildings	\$ 30,000.00
Dog Control Revolving Fund	Town Clerk	Fees specific to dogs	Expenses associated with licensing and controlling dogs and to pay the Dog Officer salary.	\$ 5,000.00
Recreation Commission Revolving Fund	Recreation Commission	Fees specific to recreation programs	Pay cost of operating recreation programs.	\$30,000.00
Council on Aging Revolving Fund	Council on Aging Executive Director	Fees specific to advertising in the newsletter	Pay for printing and distribution of the Council on Aging newsletter	\$ 2,000.00
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.	\$ 5,000.00
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	\$ 3,000.00
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.	\$ 3,000.00
Total Spending Limit				\$108,500.00

Article 12

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund and determine whether said sum shall be raised by taxation, taken from available funds, or take any other action thereon.

Moved and seconded to take no action – Passed Unanimously

The Moderator stepped down to move article 13. Town Meeting voted that the Town Clerk moderate article 13th.

Article 13

Moved and seconded that the town vote to continue membership in the Hampshire Council of Governments for Fiscal Year 2007 through Fiscal Year 2010 with a 75% reduction in annual dues.

Passed Unanimously

Article 14

To see if the town will vote to withdraw from the Hampshire Council of Governments, effective July 1, 2007, and that all obligations of the Town of Williamsburg to the Council shall be met up to that date, and that the share allocable to the Town before July 1, 2007 of the fiscal obligations of the council will remain a responsibility of the Town, or take any other action thereon..

Moved and seconded to take no action on Article 14

The Annual Town Meeting was recessed to a time certain: June 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Anne T. Dunphy School.

Town Moderator called the continuation of meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Town Clerk read the greeting.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of David "Rabbitt" Haskell

Announcements: Reminder Henry Warner's retirement party is June 25, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

Article 15

Moved and seconded that the town vote to adopt a Capital Improvement Plan, as prepared by the Capital Planning Committee and, whose budget has been accepted by the Finance Committee, including recommended capital improvements for the following five fiscal years.

What is the process for bringing these articles on the Capital Plan to town Meeting floor? What is the dollar amount to be on the plan = 10,000.

Passed Unanimously

Article 16

Moved and seconded that the town vote appropriate the sum of up to \$5,000 for structural design documents for improvements and an addition for the Highway Department Garage and to appropriate said sum from free cash. Finance Committee recommends this article What do you get for \$5,000 – plans up to send out for bid.

Passed Unanimously

Article 17

Moved and seconded that the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$139,850 for the purchase of a loader for the Highway Department and to appropriate through borrowing including borrowing costs associated with said purchase and authorize the Town Treasurer with approval of Selectboard to borrow \$99,850 in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 section 7 & 8 and appropriate \$40,000 from Sewer Construction.

Passed unanimously

Article 18

Moved and seconded that the town vote to authorize the establishment of the position of Town Administrator, as allowed by M.G.L. Ch. 41, §23A, such position to be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen, and said Board to be responsible for determining the procedures and policies regarding recruitment, hiring, qualifications, duties and responsibilities, and dismissal of the Town Administrator.

Discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of the position.

Passed by Majority

Article 19

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise the sum of \$30,000 to fund the newly created Town Administrator position contingent on the passage of a proposition 2 ½ override vote permitting the town to assess an additional \$30,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006.

Aye - 26 + 48 = 74

Nay - 11 + 17 = 28

Passed by Majority

Article 20

Moved and seconded that the town vote to establish an Agricultural Commission to represent the Williamsburg agricultural community, as well as other farming and forestry activities.

"The purpose of the Agricultural Commission shall be to support agricultural practices and other farming activities in the Town of Williamsburg. The duties of the Commission shall include, but not be limited to, the following: serve as facilitators to encourage and promote agricultural-based economic pursuits; act as mediator, advocate, educator, and/or negotiators on farming issues; work for the preservation of open land; advise the Town and all its Boards and Commissions, on agrarian issues and shall pursue all initiatives appropriate to encourage and promote agriculture pursuits.

The Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Board of Selectman, of which the majority of the membership shall be substantially engaged or experienced in the pursuit of agriculture. All members of the Commission must either be residents of the town, or owners and operators of agricultural property within the town.

There may be up to three alternates appointed to the Commission by the Selectman and will fill any vacancies at a meeting of the Commission.

The Board of Selectman is asked, in making appointments to the Commission, to specifically consider the intent of the Commission by appointing farmers or people strongly representing the agricultural interests of the town.

The terms will be as follows: Two members for a term of three years; two members for a term of two years and three thereafter; and one member for a term of one year and three years thereafter.

The Board of Selectman shall fill a vacancy based on the unexpired term of the vacancy in order to maintain the cycle of appointments, based upon the recommendations of the Commission.

The Commission shall elect annually a chairman from its own number and a clerk.

Passed Unanimously

Article 21

Moved and seconded that the town vote to amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Williamsburg, Section 9.0 b. as follows:

Delete A building lot shall have a minimum frontage of not less than two hundred (200) feet contiguous along a public way and shall contain not less than 65,000 square feet of area.

Add 1. A building lot in the Rural and Village Mixed zones shall have a minimum frontage of not less than two hundred (200) feet contiguous along a public way and shall contain not less than 65,000 square feet of area.

2. A building lot in the Village Residential zone shall have minimum frontage of one hundred fifty (150) feet contiguous along a public way and shall contain not less than 43,500 square feet in area. (requires 2/3rd)

Aye 13 + 28 = 41

Nay 15 + 28 = 43 **FAILED**

Article 22 Moved and seconded to take no action (the Planning Board did not like the recommended format of the motion by the Town Attorney, they will bring it to Town Meeting again after discussion with the Select Board)

To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Williamsburg,

Section 14 as follows:

Delete:

- a. Except as hereinafter provided, no building or structure shall be built or altered and no use of land or a building or structure shall be begun or changed without a permit having first been issued by the Inspector of Buildings.
- b. A twenty-nine (29) day review period shall elapse between the application of a building and/or land use permit for commercial or industrial purposes and the issuance of said permit.

Add:

- A. Except as hereinafter provided, a twenty-one (21) day review period shall elapse between the filing of a valid application for a building permit for commercial purposes and the issuance of said permit.

Renumber:

- c. to B. and delete the words "industrial or"

Renumber: d. to C. and change wording **Building Inspector** to **Inspector of Buildings** and delete : "or that issuance of such a permit would be detrimental to the well-being of the Town or its inhabitants."

Delete:

- e. If no objection to the application is received or substantiated by the Building Inspector within the time period state above, the Building Inspector may then issue a permit for the proposed construction, modification or land use change at the conclusion of the twenty-nine (29) day review period.

Add:

- D. If no objection to the application is received or found to have merit by the Inspector of Buildings within the time period state above, the Inspector of Buildings shall then issue a permit for the proposed construction or alteration within thirty (30) days of receipt of said application.

Exceptions:

- 1. The mandatory 21 day review period shall not be required for commercial uses permitted by right under Section 3 of this By-law.
- 2. The mandatory 21 day review period shall not be required for commercial uses permitted by special permit under Section 3 of the By-Law provided said special permit has been granted and recorded prior to the filing of application for a building permit.
- 3. The mandatory 21 day review period shall not be required for repairs or alterations to existing commercial or industrial use buildings or structures, provided such repairs or alterations will not increase the scope or use of any occupying business(es).

Renumber: f. to E. and delete the words "or pre applications"

Delete:

- 14.1 All permits for new construction and/or permits for altered construction of existing buildings into one or more dwelling units may be granted only upon acceptable planned provisions for adequate systems of water supply and sanitary sewage disposal.

Renumber: 14.2 to 14.1

Article 23 Moved and seconded to take no action (same reason as above)

To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Williamsburg, Section 9.11-2 as follows:

Delete:

Home occupation shall not include those uses defined in the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Williamsburg, which require a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

- a. A building permit is not required for a home occupation, which is in compliance with the following.
 1. The occupation shall be carried on wholly within the principal dwelling structure on the lot, except as permitted by Section 9.81d, and no more than 1000 square feet of floor space of the dwelling unit shall be used for the home occupation.
 2. There shall be no outward evidence that the premises are being used for any purpose other than residential.

Add:

Home occupations shall not include those uses defined in the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Williamsburg, which require a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. A home occupation shall be in compliance with the following:

Renumber:

b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i to a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h

Add the following words to the section newly numbered as c.:

“and no more than 1,000 square feet of floor space shall be used for the home occupation.

Article 24

Moved and seconded that the town vote to amend the General Government By-law as follows:

Add:

Mandatory Recycling By-law

Section 1. Purpose.

There is hereby established a program for the mandatory separation of certain recyclable material from solid waste by the residents and commercial haulers of the Town of Williamsburg. This by-law will significantly reduce the amount of municipal solid waste that will need to be land-filled at the Town of Williamsburg Dump thus reusing natural resources and preserving landfill space for non-reusable goods.

Section 2. Applicability.

The following by-law shall apply to all owners and tenants of all residential, multi-family and institutional structures and all commercial haulers in the Town of Williamsburg.

Section 3. Definitions.

A. **COMMERCIAL HAULER** shall mean any person licensed by the Board of Health who, for a fee, collects and/or hauls solid waste that is generated within the Town of Williamsburg to the Town Dump.

B. **SOLID WASTE** shall mean any household, residential, or commercial solid waste not defined in this section as recyclable material.

C. **COMPOSTING** shall mean a process of accelerated biodegradation and stabilization of organic material under controlled condition yielding a product which can be safely used.

D. **RECYCLABLE MATERIAL** shall mean the following recyclable goods:

Recyclable Containers:

1. Aluminum cans and foil.
2. Tin/Steel cans and lids.
3. Glass – green, brown and clear (less than 2 gallons in size).
4. Plastics tubs, jars and bottles #1-7 (less than 2 gallons in size).
5. Gable-top and aseptic containers.

Recyclable Paper:

1. Newsprint – all the newsprint plus insert that come with daily papers.
2. Mixed paper – magazines, junk mail, catalogs, used writing paper, brown paper bags, boxboard (cereal boxes), and office paper.
3. Corrugated Cardboard.

The Board of Health may from time to time, by regulation, re-designate the types of materials defined as Recyclable material under this by-law.

E. **DISPOSAL** shall mean the dumping, landfilling or placement of solid waste into or on any land or water or the incineration of solid waste for energy recovery or otherwise.

F. **PERSON** shall mean any individual, association, firm, company, corporations, department, agency, group or public body generating solid waste.

G. **RECYCLE** shall be construed to mean the diversion of material, product, or by-product from disposal to:

(a) reuse, or

(b) employ as an ingredient or feedstock in an industrial or manufacturing process to make a marketable end product, or

(c) employ in a particular function or application as an effective substitute for a commercial product priority, recycle does not mean to recover energy from the combustion of recyclable materials.

H. **SOURCE SEPARATE** shall be construed to mean the separation of recyclable material or compostable material from solid waste at the place where the materials or waste are generated through the use or consumption of goods.

Section 4. Recycling of Recyclable Materials.

(A) All recyclable material must be separated from all other solid waste delivered to the Transfer Station for disposal and must be clean. The following are acceptable standards for preparing recyclable materials for pick-up.

Recyclable Containers:

1. Containers must be empty, clean and kept separate from paper.
2. Glass beverage containers must be intact, excessive broken glass is not acceptable.
3. Must only include the containers listed in Section 3 D of this by-law. Ceramics, Pyrex, light bulbs, laundry baskets, containers greater than 2 gallons, planting pots, Styrofoam, window and auto glass, broken glass, and motor oil jugs are not acceptable.

Recyclable Paper:

4. All paper must be clean and dry.
5. Paper should not be placed in plastic bags.
6. No soda or beer holders/cartons.
7. No pizza boxes, egg cartons, or wrapping paper.
8. No waxed paper or waxed cardboard.
9. No paper or cardboard should be bundled in string.
10. Cardboard must be flattened and strings must be removed.
11. Paper must be free of solid waste and commingled containers.

(B) Incoming recyclable material that contains an unacceptable level of contamination which includes but is not limited to, the following: dirt, sand, food waste, toys, appliances, household and commercial trash, asphalt, wood, concrete, snow, water, hazardous waste, and any other non-recyclables may be rejected.

(C) All separated recyclable materials shall be placed in the appropriate containers provided at the Town Transfer Station and shall become the sole property of the Town of Williamsburg.

Section 5. Disposal.

No person who collects, transports, disposes or otherwise manages solid waste or recyclable materials shall mix, commingle, or otherwise contaminate source separated recyclable materials with solid waste or other contaminants.

Section 6. Enforcement and Penalties.

No person shall dispose of any recyclable materials other than as set forth in this by-law. Persons in violation of this by-law shall be notified of such violation in writing by the Board of Health, which writing shall include the date of such violation; the nature of such violation, the penalty imposed thereby, and shall inform the violator of the right to request a hearing as set forth below. Anyone violating this by-law shall be fined \$25.00 for the first violation and \$25.00 for the second violation, and \$25.00 for any further violations. All such fines shall be paid within ten (10) days of receipt of said written notice.

Any person in receipt of a notice of violation may, within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice, request a hearing before the Board of Health. Such request shall be made in writing and shall state any reasons why the penalty set forth in the notice of violation should not be issued. Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of such request for hearing, the Board of Health shall schedule such hearing and notify the person requesting the hearing of the date and time thereof. The Board of Health shall have the authority to waive or reduce the penalty stated in the notice of violation if it finds good cause following such hearing.

The Board of Health shall make its decision within fourteen (14) days of such hearing and shall notify the person requesting such hearing of its decision, in writing, within fourteen (14) days thereof. The Board of Health's decision shall be final.

This by-law may also be enforced through the non-criminal disposition procedures set forth in G.L. c. 40, §21D. The enforcing officer for non-criminal disposition shall be the Board of Health or its designee.

Passed - unanimously

Article 25

Moved and seconded that the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, or eminent domain or otherwise and to accept the deed to the Town of a fee simple interest in the parcel described below, now or formerly owned by the Williamsburg Firefighters' Association recorded with the Hampshire District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 145, Page 100, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be appropriate, for the purposes of fire department purposes under the control of the Williamsburg and Haydenville Firefighters' Associations, said parcel of land being described as follows: Lot 5 on a Plan of Land entitled 'Plan of Land in Williamsburg, Massachusetts' prepared for Bruce Scott, Sr. by Ernest D. Seagni, dated June 21, 1988. And, further to see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, or accept gifts for this purpose, and any expenses relate thereto and authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town officers to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition.

Moved and seconded to amend the article by inserting the word "sole" in front of "purpose of the fire department" and delete the control of the Williamsburg and Haydenville Firefighters Association.

Amendment Fail

Original motion passes by 2/3rd voice (75 aye, 4 nay – stated and confirmed by voters)

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Filed: June 26, 2006

A true copy attest: Charlene L. Nardi, Town Clerk

Special Town Election

July 24, 2006

Warrant signed and posted on July 6, 2006

Selectmen: Eric Cerreta, Denise Banister, and Jeffrey Ciuffreda

Constable: Wilbur Loomis

The polls were open at 10 a.m. in the Anne T. Dunphy School cafeteria. The polls were closed at 7pm and the machine tape was printed. Wardens Bess Lojko and Winona Lockwood and Town Clerk, Charlene Nardi recorded the following results of the Election at 7:07pm.

Votes Cast - 777

Number of Eligible Voters - 1737

Last day to register to vote - July 14, 2006

Question 1

Shall the Town of Williamsburg be allowed to assess an additional \$7,452 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of the Police Department Labor budget for the fiscal year beginning July First, Two Thousand and Six? **FAILED**

Blank - 9 Yes - 302 No - 466

Question 2 A

Shall the Town of Williamsburg be allowed to assess an additional \$73,313 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of the Local School Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning July First, Two Thousand and Six? **PASSED**

Blank - 3 Yes - 399 No - 375

Question 2 B

Shall the Town of Williamsburg be allowed to assess an additional \$36,657 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of the Local School Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning July First, Two Thousand and Six? **PASSED**

Blank - 8 Yes - 442 No - 327

Question 3

Shall the Town of Williamsburg be allowed to assess an additional \$14,882 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of the Highway Labor Budget for the fiscal year beginning July First, Two Thousand and Six? **FAILED**

Blank - 15 Yes - 335 No - 427

Question 4

Shall the Town of Williamsburg be allowed to assess an additional \$4,229 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of the Transfer Station Labor Budget for the fiscal year beginning July First, Two Thousand and Six? **FAILED**

Blank - 6 Yes - 273 No - 492

Question 5

Shall the Town of Williamsburg be allowed to assess an additional \$8,403 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of the Library Salaries & Labor Budget for the fiscal year beginning July First, Two Thousand and Six? **FAILED**

Blank - 6 Yes - 334 No - 437

Question 6

Shall the Town of Williamsburg be allowed to assess an additional \$30,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Town Administrator position for the fiscal year beginning July First, Two Thousand and Six? **FAILED**

Blank - 15 Yes - 258 No - 504

Recorded: July 26, 2006

A True Copy Attest:

Charlene L. Nardi,
Williamsburg Town Clerk

Cc: Accountant, Assessors, Department of Revenue, Selectboard, Treasurer

September 2006 Primary

Polls opened at 7:00 A.M. and Closed at 8:00 P.M.

Total Register Voters 1761 - Total Ballots cast 564 (Democrat - 530 and Republican - 34)

Democratic Party	<u>Votes</u>	Republican Party	<u>Votes</u>
<u>Senator in Congress</u>		<u>Senator in Congress</u>	
Blank	72	Blank	2
Edward M. Kennedy	458	Kenneth G. Chase	15
Write-ins:	0	Kevin P Scott	17
		Write-ins:	0
<u>Governor</u>			
Blank	4	<u>Governor</u>	
Christopher F. Gabrieli	50	Blank	4
Duval Patrick	398	Kerry Healey	30
Thomas F. Reilly	78	Write - ins	0
Write-ins:	0		
<u>Lieutenant Governor</u>		<u>Lieutenant Governor</u>	
Blank	128	Blank	7
Deborah B Goldberg	138	Reed V. Hillman	27
Timoth P Murray	155	Write-ins:	0
Andrea C. Silbert	109		
Write-ins:	0		
		<u>Attorney General</u>	
<u>Attorney General</u>		Blank	7
Blank	193	Larry Frisoli	27
Martha Coakley	337	Write-ins:	
Write-ins:	0		
		<u>Secretary of State</u>	
All others	0	Blank	34
<u>Secretary of State</u>		Write-ins:	0
Blank	106		
William Francis Galvin	270		
John Bonifaz	154		
Write-ins:	0		
		<u>Treasurer</u>	
<u>Treasurer</u>		Blank	34
Blank	199	Write-ins:	0
Timothy P. Cahill	330		
Write-ins:	1		

Zehm Behr		<u>Auditor</u>	
		Blank	34
		Write-ins:	0
<u>Auditor</u>			
Blank	205		
A. Joseph DeNucci	325		
Write-ins:	0	<u>Representative in Congress</u>	
		Blank	34
		Write-ins:	0
<u>Representative in Congress</u>			
Blank	88		
John Olver	442	<u>Councillor</u>	
Write-ins:	0	Blank	13
		Michael Franco	21
		Write-ins:	0
<u>Councillor</u>			
Blank	106		
Peter Vickery	239	<u>Senator in General Court</u>	
Rinaldo Del Gallo, III	12	Blank	6
Thomas T Merrigan	173	Matthew W. Kinnaman	28
Write-ins:	0	Write-ins:	0
<u>Senator in General Court</u>		<u>Rep in General Court</u>	
Blank	79	Blank	34
Benjamin Brackett Downing	24	Write-ins:	0
Christopher Hodgkins	107		
Helen Sharron	266		
Margaret Johnson Ware	43		
John T. Zelazo	10		
Write-ins:	1	<u>District Attorney</u>	
Liana Foxgog		Blank	4
		Elizabeth Scheibel	30
		Write-ins:	0
<u>Rep in General Court</u>			
Blank	95		
Stephen Kulik	434		
Write-ins:	1	<u>Clerk of Courts</u>	
Deborah Hollingsworth		Blank	34
		Write-ins:	0
<u>District Attorney</u>			
Blank	525		
Write-ins: Total	5	<u>Register of Deeds</u>	

Elizabeth Schiebel	2	Blank	34
William Larkin	1	Write-ins:	0
Michael Cahillaine	1		
Janet Duggan	1		

Clerk of Courts

Blank	183
Harry J. Jekanowski	346
Write-ins:	1
Brian Lees	1

Register of Deeds

Blank	174
Marianne L. Donohue	<u>356</u>
Write-ins:	0

Wardens: Bess Lojko and Kathleen
Luce

Town Clerk: Charlene Nardi Filed:
September 20, 2006

November State Election – November 7, 2006

Polls opened at 7:00 A.M. and Closed at 8:00 P.M.

Total Register Voters 1803 - Total Ballots cast 1286

Wardens: Bess Lojko, Kathy Luce

Town Clerk: Charlene Nardi

Votes

Senator in Congress

Blank	36
Edward M. Kennedy	979
Kenneth G Chase	268
Write-ins:	3
<i>Norm Chornsky</i>	2
<i>M.J. McComb</i>	1

Governor and LT Governor

Blank	12
Healey and Hillman	247
Patrick and Murray	937
Mihos and Sullivan	63
Ross and Robinson	27
Write-in	0

Attorney General

Blank	78
Martha Coakley	976
Larry Fisoli	232
Write-ins:	0

Secretary of State

Blank	101
William Francis Galvin	799
Jill E. Stein	385
Write-ins:	1
<i>John C. Conifaz</i>	1

Treasurer

Blank	127
Timothy P. Cahill	863
James O'Keefe	296
Write-ins:	0

Auditor

Blank	156
A. Joseph DeNucci	873
Rand Wilson	257
Write-ins:	0

Representative in Congress

Blank	39
John Olver	990
William H. Szych	256
Write-ins:	1
<i>Norm Chasky</i>	1

Councillor

Blank	108
Michael Franco	182
Thomas T Merrigan	853
Michael T. Kogut	142
Write-ins:	1
<i>John Andrelis</i>	1

Senator in General Court

Blank	104
Benjamin Brackett Downing	802
Matthew W. Kinnaman	246
Dion C. Robbins-Zust	133
Write-ins:	1
<i>Stan Rosenberg</i>	1

Rep in General Court

Blank	173
Stephen Kulik	1112
Write-ins:	1
<i>R Kisloski</i>	1

District Attorney

Blank	473
Elizabeth Scheibel	802
Write-ins:	11
<i>David Mintz</i>	1
<i>Bill Clinton</i>	1
<i>Howard Zinn</i>	1
<i>David Kinsey</i>	1
<i>Mark Randuzo</i>	1
<i>Susan Heitken</i>	1
<i>Anpne Else</i>	1
<i>Sahara Elston</i>	1
<i>Cliff Eberhardt</i>	1
<i>Melissa Doran</i>	1
<i>Julia Anarus</i>	1

Clerk of Courts

Blank	225	
Harry J. Jekanowski	1058	
Write-ins:	3	
<i>Miske Cheifeld</i>		1
<i>Jerad Rumartford</i>		1
<i>Brian Lees</i>		1

Register of Deeds

Blank	275	
Marianne L. Donohue	1009	
Write-ins:	2	
<i>Bob Czeluzniak</i>		1
<i>Tom Rotello</i>		1

Question 1 -

<u>Blank</u>	75
YES	560
NO	651

Question 2

<u>Blank</u>	164
YES	502
NO	620

Question 3

<u>Blank</u>	159
YES	691
NO	436

Question 4

<u>Blank</u>	186
YES	788
NO	312

Filed 11/8/06

A True Copy Attest:

Charlene L. Nardi

Williamsburg Town Clerk

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Town of Williamsburg
Special Town Meeting, Thursday, November 9, 2006**

The Warrant was signed by the Board of Selectmen: Eric Cerreta, Denise Banister, Jeff Ciuffreda and posted by the Constable, Wilbur Loomis on October 12, 2006.

A quorum (60 registered voters) being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Town Moderator, Eileen Stewart. The Town Clerk read the greeting and following announcements were made: In honor of all Veterans and their service to our country a moment of silence was observed. The Veterans Day ceremony will be held on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial

Announcement: New procedure of checking in voters at the door of the gymnasium and handing them voter cards to be used during all votes.

Article 1

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to re-appropriate Library budget lines voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on June 5, 2006, article 10, Culture and Recreation Category, as follows:

	<u>As previously voted</u>	<u>With changes</u>
Salaries and Labor	\$ 41,078	\$ 63,441
Books and Supplies	28,439	4,270
Maintenance	7,837	8,023
<u>Utilities</u>	<u>9,810</u>	<u>11,430</u>
Total	\$ 87,164	\$ 87,164

Gordon Allen, Chairman of the Finance committee, moved and spoke to the article. The Finance Committee supports the article.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 2

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to re-appropriate Transfer Station budget lines voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on June 5, 2006, article 10, Public Works and Facilities Category, as follows:

	<u>As previously voted</u>	<u>With changes</u>
Transfer Station Labor	\$ 8,053	\$ 17,921
<u>Transfer Station Expenses</u>	<u>68,810</u>	<u>58,942</u>
Total	\$76,863	\$ 76,863

Gordon Allen, Chairman of the Finance committee, moved and spoke to the article. The Finance Committee supports the article.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 3

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to re-appropriate Highway Department budget lines voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on June 5, 2006, article 10, Public Works and Facilities Category, as follows:

	<u>As previously voted</u>	<u>With changes</u>
Highway Labor	\$111,597	\$140,078
Highway Maintenance Expense	55,175	28,694
Garage/Equipment Maintenance	36,116	36,116
Surplus Equipment	2,000	0
Winter Overtime	9,708	9,708
<u>Winter Expense</u>	<u>55,480</u>	<u>55,480</u>
Total	\$ 270,076	\$270,076

Gordon Allen, Chairman of the Finance committee, moved and spoke to the article. The Finance Committee supports the article.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 4

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to reduce the Unemployment Insurance Account voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on June 5, 2006, article 10, Fixed Miscellaneous Expenses Category, from \$61,563 to \$ 8,266 (a \$53,297 reduction); and to re-appropriate \$18,297 of this sum to the following labor accounts and to reduce the overall total operating budget from \$4,897,245 to \$4,862,245 (\$35,000 reduction).

<u>As voted or modified by above articles</u>	<u>With changes</u>	<u>Difference</u>	
Library Books & Supplies	\$ 4,270	\$ 7,072	\$2,802
Transfer Station Expenses	58,942	61,409	2,467
Highway Maintenance Exp	28,694	37,375	8,681
<u>Police Labor</u>	<u>92,202</u>	<u>96,549</u>	<u>4,347</u>
Total	\$184,108	\$202,405	\$18,297

	<u>As previously voted</u>	<u>With changes</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Operating Budget	\$4,897,245	\$4,862,245	\$35,000

Total difference \$53,297

Gordon Allen, Chairman of the Finance committee, moved and spoke to the article. The Finance Committee supports the article.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to reduce the Vocational School Account voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on June 5, 2006, article 10, Education Category, from \$298,151 to \$269,834 (a \$28,317 reduction); and to re-appropriate this sum to the following accounts:

<u>As voted or modified by above articles</u>		<u>With Changes</u>	<u>Difference.</u>
Library Books and Supplies	\$ 7,072	\$ 12,084	\$ 5,012
Highway Maintenance Exp	37,375	52,904	15,529
Police Department Expense	26,857	30,857	4,000
Police Labor	96,549	100,325	3,776
Total	\$167,853	\$196,170	\$ 28,317

Gordon Allen, Chairman of the Finance committee, moved and spoke to the article. The Finance Committee supports the article.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to have its elected Town Treasurer become an appointed Town Treasurer of the town.

The Board of Selectmen thanked Ms. Karowski, the current Town Treasure, whom tendered her resignation effective November 15th, for her service and dedication to the Town of Williamsburg. The Board of Selectmen moved and spoke in favor of this article

Hand count: Yes – 17+25 = 42

No – 14+13 = 27

PASSED BY A MAJORITY

This question will appear on the ballot in May 2007.

Article 7

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Williamsburg by: Deleting Section 9, District Locations and Area Provisions, Item 9.11 – 2 (a. through i.)

And

Adding the following:

9.11-2 Home occupations shall not include those uses defined in the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Williamsburg, which require a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. A Home Occupation shall be in compliance with the following:

- a. There shall be no external change which alters the residential appearance of the building on the lot.
- b. The use shall not change the character of the dwelling unit and shall not be characterized by outward manifestations, such as traffic generation, noise, public services and utility demand, etc., unlike those of dwelling units in the particular neighborhood in which the dwelling is located.
- c. All operations, including incidental storage, shall be carried on within the dwelling unit except as permitted by Section 9.11 – 1d and no more than 1,000 sq. ft. of floor space shall be used for the home occupation.
- d. The use shall not constitute a nuisance by reason of an unacceptable level of air or water pollution, excessive noise or visually flagrant structures and accessories, and the use shall not pose a hazard to abutters, vehicles or pedestrians.
- e. Adequate off-street parking shall be provided to prevent interference with traffic flow.
- f. A single sign no greater than two (2) square feet in area may be displayed on the lot. No off-premise signs shall be permitted.
- g. The occupation and use shall be pursued by at least one (1) member of the family residing in the dwelling unit with not more than the equivalent of one (1) full time employee.
- h. The home occupation shall not be in violation of any other provision of this By-law.

Roger Bisbee, Chairman of the Planning Committee, moved and spoke to the article. The Planning Committee supports and recommends the above changes to the Zoning Bylaw.

Hand count: Yes – 29+38=67

No – 1+0 = 1

PASSED WITH 2/3RD MAJORITY

Article 8

Moved and seconded that the town vote to amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Williamsburg by:

Deleting Section 14 – Permits and Exemptions, Items 14.0 Building Permits, 14.1 and 14.2:

And

Adding the following:

SECTION 14 – PERMITS AND EXEMPTIONS

14.0 Building Permits

A. Except as hereinafter provided, a twenty-one (21) day review period shall elapse between the filing of a valid application for a building permit for commercial purposes and the issuance of said permit.

B. Within seven (7) days of application to the Inspector of Buildings for such a permit, the Town Clerk shall make public notice of the application by posting a notice in the Town Office Building that such a permit has been requested, and the Town Clerk shall further notify in writing the Selectmen, Board of Health, the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board and other legally constituted town boards which request regular notification, that such an application for commercial use or building is pending.

C. Within fourteen (14) days following receipt of such notice of pending application, any of the above Town Boards, by majority roll call vote, may notify the Inspector of Buildings in writing with reasons listed, that they believe that the issuance of such a permit would be in violation of federal, state, or town laws or regulations.

D. The above stated Town Boards and officials may establish procedures for the efficient processing of such applications and the notifications of pending applications.

E. If no objection to the application is received or found to have merit by the Inspector of Buildings within the time period stated above, the Inspector of Buildings shall then issue a permit for the proposed construction or alteration within thirty (30) days of receipt of said application.

Exceptions:

1. No review period shall be required for commercial uses permitted by right under Section 3 of this By-law.
2. No review period shall be required for commercial uses permitted by special permit under Section 3 of this By-law provided said special permit has been granted and recorded prior to the filing of application for a building permit.
3. No review period shall be required for repairs or alterations to existing commercial or industrial use buildings or structures, provided such repairs or alterations will not increase the scope or use of any occupying business (es).

14.1 Construction or operations under a building or special permit shall conform to any subsequent amendment of this By-law unless the use or construction is commenced within a period of six (6) months after the issuance of the permit and in cases of construction, unless such construction is continued through to completion as continuously and expeditiously as is reasonable.

Roger Bisbee, Chairman of the Planning Committee, moved and spoke to the article. Moderator ruled the article out of order due to the lack of clarity in the changes and confusion stated by the voters present. It was suggested the original text of the Bylaws be available for comparison in the warrant or as a handout.

Ruled OUT OF ORDER – no vote taken

Moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Filed: November 13, 2006

Charlene L. Nardi
Town Clerk

Copies to: Division of Local Services, Town Council, Accountant, Assessors, Selectmen,
Treasurer, All Committees and Boards